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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL
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Subject: CORRECTED Approval letter, facility code 31810115

Dear Ms. Branstetter:

In accordance with 38 CFR 21.4258, this notice advises you that we have transmitted the following actions(s) to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). **We have forwarded copies of this letter and supporting documents to the VA for appropriate action.**

On **August 11, 2022**, the Iowa State Approving Agency received all documentation necessary to complete this action. Someone from our office will notify you if additional information is required.

This letter is a **correction** to an approval letter dated July 20, 2022, which accidentally omitted two approved programs (see exhibits B and C). This letter is based on the following documents that were submitted to our office:

- Catalog approval worksheet.
- Upper Iowa University. (July 1, 2022). *Upper Iowa University Academic Catalog, 2022-2023*.
- Upper Iowa University. (July 1, 2022). *Upper Iowa University Policies, 2022-2023*.
- Academic calendar, 2022-2023.
- Tuition and fees, 2022-2023.
- Evidence of accreditation.

This approval is granted for the enrollment of veterans, military, and other eligible persons under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. § 30 (2006), 38 U.S.C. § 33 (2006), 38 U.S.C. § 35 (2006), and 10 U.S.C. § 1606 (2006).

This approval is effective on the date shown above. Any program not listed in this notice is not approved under Titles 10 and 38, United States Code.

Accrediting and Regulatory Agencies

Upper Iowa University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the US Department of Education since 1952.

Extensions

Upper Iowa University has the following campus extensions in Iowa as defined by 38 CFR 21.4266:

- Upper Iowa University-Cedar Rapids (FAC 31X10715), 1641 Boyson Square Drive, Suite 100, Hiawatha, IA 52233.
- Upper Iowa University-Online (FAC 31X01515), 605 Washington Street, Garbee Hall, Fayette, IA 52142.
- Upper Iowa University-Quad Cities (FAC 31X08115), 1401 Kimberly Rd. Bettendorf, IA 52722.
- Upper Iowa University-Waterloo (FAC 31X10315), 3563 University Avenue, Waterloo, IA 50701.

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- Upper Iowa University-West Des Moines (FAC 31X10215), 5000 Westown Parkway, Suite 200, West Des Moines, IA 50266.

Approvals

Criteria

The **2022-2023** college catalog or supporting documents address the following policies:

- Attendance standards (catalog, p. 11).
- Institutional refund policies.
 - Catalog, p. 16.
 - Policies, p. 1.
- Standards of progress.
 - Catalog, pp. 12-14.
 - Policies, pp. 7-8.
- Established standards of conduct.
 - Catalog, pp. 7-8.
 - Policies, pp. 20-25.
- Prior credit (catalog, pp. 13, 21, 24-26).

The catalog and supporting documents meet approval criteria.

Academic Calendar

The academic calendar (catalog, pp. 4-5) is approved as published.

Policies

Academic and administrative policies, including program-specific policies, are approved as published.

Programs

Outcomes.

All programs offered at a facility must have an educational, professional, or vocational outcome. Upper Iowa University offers the following educational awards:

- Associate degrees.
- Bachelor degrees.
- Graduate degrees.

Modifications.

Exhibit A lists modifications that have occurred since the previous approval.

Accredited programs.

Exhibit B lists accredited undergraduate and undergraduate-level NCD programs that are approved under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. § 3672, 38 U.S.C. § 3675, and 38 CFR 21.2453. Exhibit C lists accredited graduate and graduate-level NCD programs that are approved under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. § 3672, 38 U.S.C. § 3675, and 38

Additional Provisions

Practical training courses.

Practical training courses may be certified if your school is accredited and conforms to the criteria outlined in 38 CFR 21.4265. Credit hours must be properly identified on the student's Enrollment Certification VA Form 22-1999. Your school must be able to document that these courses meet the requirements of the law.

Cooperative courses.

Cooperative courses may be certified if your school is accredited and conforms to the criteria outlined in 38 CFR 21.4233(a). Credit hours must be properly identified on the student's Enrollment Certification VA Form 22-1999. Your school must be able to document that these courses meet the requirements of the law.

Independent study.

Courses may be certified for independent study if your school is accredited and conforms to the criteria outlined in 38 CFR 21.4267(b). These courses must be listed in your college catalog, are an integral part of the student's program and credit earned apply to the student's degree objective. Credit hours must be properly identified on the student's Enrollment Certification VA Form 22-1999. Your school must be able to document that these courses meet the requirements of the law.

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Next Application for Approval

Upper Iowa University's next application for approval will be due **within thirty (30) days after publication of its 2023-2024 academic catalog**. You will find the latest version of the catalog approval worksheet at <https://educateiowa.gov/documents/veterans-and-military-education/2021/08/veterans-and-military-education-catalog-approval>. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

We appreciate your continuing commitment to provide educational programs for veterans and other eligible students under the GI Bill.

Sincerely,

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Encl.

cc: VA ELR (electronic)

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Exhibit A: Changes since the previous approval.

- New programs.
 - BA – Art Education.
 - BS – Agriculture Education.
 - BS – Supply Chain Management.
- Name change: BS – Exercise Science (formerly BS – Exercise Sports Studies).

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Exhibit B: Approved accredited undergraduate and undergraduate-level NCD programs.

Award - Program	Page	Remarks
AA - Associate of Arts	50	
BA - All Language Arts	81	
BA - All Social Science	82	
BA - Art Education	80	NEW
BA - Birth-Grade 3: Inclusive Settings	79	
BA - Elementary Education	79	
BA - Graphic Design	71	
BA - Instructional Strategist BD/LD/ID	81	
BA - Liberal Arts	59	
BA - Reading	84	
BA - Social Science Basic	84	
BA - Sociology	67	
BS - Accounting	68	
BS - Agricultural Business	68	
BS - Agriculture Education	81	NEW
BS - All Business	81	
BS - All Science	82	
BS - American Sign Language	80	
BS - Biology	53	
BS - Business Administration	69	
BS - Communications Studies	57	
BS - Conservation Management	56	
BS - Criminal Justice	63	
BS - Emergency and Disaster Management	64	
BS - Exercise Science	89	Former name: BS - Exercise and Sports Studies
BS - Financial Management	69	
BS - Health Services Administration	71	
BS - Human Resource Management	70	
BS - Human Services	60	
BS - Industrial Technology	83	
BS – Information Systems	72	Approved. Accidentally omitted from letter dated 20 July 2022.
BS - Information Technology	73	
BS - Life Science	84	
BS - Management	70	
BS - Marketing	71	
BS - Psychology	61	
BS - Public Administration	64	
BS - Social Science	65	
BS - Supply Chain Management	71	NEW
BSN - Nursing (RN to BSN)	73	
CERT - Art Administration	49	16 credits
CERT - Emergency & Disaster Management	49	15 credits
CERT - Geographic Information Systems	49	15 credits
CERT - Human Resource Management	49	15 credits
CERT - Psychology	49	15 credits
CERT - Sustainability	49	15 credits

Exhibit C: Approved accredited GRADUATE and graduate-level NCD programs.

Award - Program	Page	Remarks
M.Ed - Master of Education	149	
MBA - Master of Business Administration	147	
MHA - Master of Health Care Administration	154	
MPA - Master of Public Administration	155	
MSA – Master of Sport Administration	159	Approved. Accidentally omitted from letter dated 20 July 2022.
MSC - Master of Science in Counseling	158	60 credits
CERT - Accounting	149	15 credits
CERT - Corporate Financial Management	149	15 credits
CERT - Human Resource Management	149	15 credits
CERT - Literacy Coach	154	15 credits
CERT - Organizational Development	149	15 credits
CERT - Teacher Leadership	154	15 credits