



# Associated Colleges of Illinois

## ACI Colleges and Universities Diverse, Offer Wide Range of Academic Programs

Students attending the [26 member colleges and universities](#) of Associated Colleges of Illinois (ACI) are learning in diverse environments and are afforded opportunities to learn that emphasize small classes, real-world project learning and a variety of internships, according to ACI research. ACI members are also producing teachers and health-care workers in larger numbers than the state's largest universities.

Members	Student Population	Female	Male	American Indian, Alaskan or Native Hawaiian	Asian	Black/African American	Latinx	White	Multiracial	Ethnicity Unknown	Pell Grant Recipients
Augustana College	2,543	1,450	1,093	0	51	101	204	1,790	77	280	607
Aurora University	4,020	2,415	1,607	0	80	211	1,266	1,970	121	282	1,822
Central College	2,718	1,465	1,250	27	380	216	463	1,168	0	462	1,144
Shabazz College	556	340	216	0	6	58	23	424	11	34	333
Concordia University Chicago	1,911	891	820	0	30	181	468	895	45	122	677
Dominican University	2,196	1,432	674	0	63	126	1,158	612	21	126	1,058
Emhurst University	2,648	1,709	1,139	0	142	142	665	1,709	86	114	1,056
Evrika College	587	272	295	0	0	45	17	480	23	17	230
Illinois College	983	501	482	0	10	16	40	798	29	66	420
Illinois Wesleyan University	1,043	480	513	0	85	102	152	1,108	51	135	405
Judson University	1,034	610	424	0	21	124	217	496	21	155	442
Knox College	1,333	760	573	0	67	107	200	640	67	252	448
Lewis University	4,301	2,219	2,132	0	218	281	914	2,567	130	281	1,424
McKendree University	1,961	1,034	917	0	0	273	98	1,210	59	311	687
Milikan University	1,985	1,131	854	0	20	278	136	1,330	99	119	795
Monmouth College	914	457	457	0	3	51	91	585	37	90	325

These findings come from a recent compilation of [demographic statistics](#) from ACI member schools (see image, left). Among the nearly 50,000 total undergraduate students:

- + about 58 percent are women
- + about one third are students who are American Indian, Alaskan or Native Hawaiian, Asian, Black/African American, Latinx or multiracial
- + more than one third are eligible for Pell Grants, awarded to students with the greatest financial need
- + more than 800 students are attending ACI colleges and universities with GI Bill benefits

"These findings confirm what we already knew: Students who attend private, liberal arts colleges in Illinois are learning important skills and life lessons that lead to productive careers in the state's economy," said Mick Weltman, ACI executive director. "Also, ACI-affiliated schools have diverse student bodies, which contribute to a rich and wide-ranging learning environment. This is vital in today's global economy."

ACI members, all private, independent institutions, have student bodies with characteristics similar to Illinois' public colleges and universities. [2018 statistics](#) compiled by the Illinois Board of Higher Education for Illinois (IBHE) public colleges and universities show ACI schools have a slightly higher percentage of students who are women (58 percent to 51 percent). [The IBHE statistics](#) also show a slightly greater percentage of students of color or multiracial students attending Illinois public colleges and universities (37 percent to 33 percent).

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## **ACI members supply greater numbers of nurses and teachers**

At most of ACI's colleges and universities, top academic programs are business, education, health professions and basic sciences. ACI-compiled statistics from 2017 show that ACI member institutions are graduating nurses and teachers at a nearly 2-to-1 rate when compared to Illinois' largest public and private colleges and universities.



## **ACI alumni working throughout the Illinois economy**

[Illinois employment](#) for alumni of ACI colleges and universities is strong, with more than 23,000 employees working for 148 top Illinois employers with at least 25 ACI alumni, according to ACI research figures. The top five Illinois employers of alumni of ACI-affiliated institutions are Advocate Aurora Health, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, State Farm, JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Caterpillar.