



**America's Best Graduate Schools**  
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**JOB**  **BS**  
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**(and how to get one)**

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**What New Grads Can Expect to Earn**  
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# Largest Online Grad Programs

Which online education program is the best fit for you? *U.S. News* surveyed 635 institutions (369 responded) and compiled a list of graduate-level programs in business, education, engineering, library science, nursing, and public health. This

table shows the largest programs (measured by enrollment), along with key attributes of the learning experience. More information on these and other online education programs is available at [www.usnews.com/online](http://www.usnews.com/online).

## EDUCATION

School (state)	Year launched	Number of students (fall 2009)	Technical help? (daily hours)	Limit on class size? (max. students)	Typical per-credit-hour charge (in dollars)*	Web address
Walden University (MN)	1987	20,617	Yes (24)	Yes (33)	425	<a href="http://www.waldenu.edu">www.waldenu.edu</a>
University of Phoenix (AZ)	1989	16,629	Yes (24)	Yes (20)	11,640**	<a href="http://www.phoenix.edu">www.phoenix.edu</a>
Nova Southeastern University (FL)	1983	7,282	Yes (24)	Yes (18)	595	<a href="http://www.nova.edu/cwis/disted/index.html">www.nova.edu/cwis/disted/index.html</a>
Capella University (MN)	1993	5,992	Yes	Yes (25)	13,455**	<a href="http://www.capella.edu/schools_programs/profession.aspx">www.capella.edu/schools_programs/profession.aspx</a>
Sam Houston State University (TX)	2002	2,708	Yes (24)	No	1,062/1,062****	<a href="http://distance.shsu.edu">distance.shsu.edu</a>

## NURSING

School (state)	Year launched	Number of students (fall 2009)	Technical help? (daily hours)	Limit on class size? (max. students)	Typical per-credit-hour charge (in dollars)*	Web address
University of Phoenix	1989	5,878	Yes (24)	Yes (20)	10,800**	<a href="http://www.phoenix.edu/">www.phoenix.edu/</a>
Walden University (MN)	2004	4,571	Yes (24)	Yes (28)	435	<a href="http://www.waldenu.edu/">www.waldenu.edu/</a>
University of South Alabama	1999	1,036	Yes (24)	Yes (25)	308/308	<a href="http://www.usouthal.edu">www.usouthal.edu</a>
SUNY–Stony Brook	1995	984	Yes (8)	No	207/536	<a href="http://www.nursing.stonybrook.edu">www.nursing.stonybrook.edu</a>
University of Alabama–Birmingham	2002	905	Yes (16)	Yes (30)	276/276	<a href="http://www.uab.edu/son">www.uab.edu/son</a>

## PUBLIC HEALTH

School (state)	Year launched	Number of students (fall 2009)	Technical help? (daily hours)	Limit on class size? (max. students)	Typical per-credit-hour charge (in dollars)*	Web address
Walden University (MN)	2001	3,853	Yes (24)	Yes (26)	440	<a href="http://www.waldenu.edu">www.waldenu.edu</a>
Johns Hopkins University (MD)	1999	480	No	No	815	<a href="http://www.jhsph.edu/academics/">www.jhsph.edu/academics/</a>
American Military University (WV)	1993	428	No	Yes (20)	300	<a href="http://www.amu.apus.edu/public-health/">www.amu.apus.edu/public-health/</a>
University of St. Francis (IL)	1999	343	Yes (8)	Yes (18)	589	<a href="http://www.stfrancis.edu/admissions/online-students/">www.stfrancis.edu/admissions/online-students/</a>
Capella University	2007	254	Yes	Yes (25)	423	<a href="http://www.capella.edu/schools_programs/degrees.aspx">www.capella.edu/schools_programs/degrees.aspx</a>

## BUSINESS

School (state)	Year launched	Number of students (fall 2009)	Technical help? (daily hours)	Limit on class size? (max. students)	Typical per-credit-hour charge (in dollars)*	Web address
University of Phoenix (AZ)	1989	26,296	Yes (24)	Yes (20)	14,688**	<a href="http://www.uoponline.com/">www.uoponline.com/</a>
University of Maryland–University College	1996	11,326	Yes (24)	Yes (30)	428/659	<a href="http://www.umuc.edu/programs/graduate.shtml">www.umuc.edu/programs/graduate.shtml</a>
Walden University (MN)	1981	5,636	Yes (24)	Yes (25)	745	<a href="http://www.waldenu.edu">www.waldenu.edu</a>
DeVry University–Downers Grove (IL)	1997	4,609	Yes (14)	Yes (30)	2,200****	<a href="http://www.keller.edu">www.keller.edu</a>
Capella University (MN)	1993	4,065	Yes	Yes (23)	13,455**	<a href="http://www.capella.edu/schools_programs/profession.aspx">www.capella.edu/schools_programs/profession.aspx</a>
Nova Southeastern University (FL)	1983	3,100	Yes (24)	Yes (18)	675	<a href="http://www.nova.edu/cwis/disted/index.html">www.nova.edu/cwis/disted/index.html</a>

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