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Subject: Approval letter, facility code 31810215 (West Des Moines campus—5000 Westown Parkway, Suite 200, West Des Moines, IA 50266)

Dear Ms. Zenner:

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 **February 18, 2021**, 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 supersedes our approval dated **December 26, 2019**, and is based on the following documents that were submitted to our office:

- Upper Iowa University's 2020-2021 academic catalog.
- Catalog approval worksheet.
- Upper Iowa University Student Handbook, 2020-2021.
- VA Forms 20-8206 and 22-1919.

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. § 32 (2006), 38 U.S.C. § 33 (2006), 38 U.S.C. § 35 (2006), 38 U.S.C. § 36 (2006), 10 U.S.C. § 1606 (2006), and 10 U.S.C. § 1607 (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

- Higher Learning Commission.
- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.
- Iowa Board of Nursing.
- Iowa State Board of Education.

Extensions

Upper Iowa University does not have any campus extensions as defined by 38 CFR 21.4266:

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Approvals

Criteria

The **2020-2021** college catalog or student handbook addresses the following policies:

- Attendance standards (catalog, pp. 28, 40-42, 45-46, 147-148).
- Institutional refund policies (catalog, pp. 18, 26, 40, 42, 149-150).
- Standards of progress (catalog, pp. 11-13).
- Established standards of conduct (student handbook, pp. 20-74).
- Section 103 of the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018 (catalog, p. 14).
- Prior credit (catalog, pp. 22-24, 33-35, 146-147).

The catalog and student handbook 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.

Upper Iowa University offers the following educational awards:

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

Accredited programs.

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

Concentrations, transfer majors, etc.

The VA does not require state approving agencies to approve concentrations, transfer majors, and other subordinate academic disciplines. To help facilitate processing of claims, concentrations offered at your institution are listed in exhibit C.

Additional Provisions

Discontinued programs.

You must submit to our office by **March 20, 2021**, a list of currently enrolled VA-eligible students in each discontinued program identified in exhibit A. Identified students enrolled in a discontinued program may continue to be certified through the end of their program, if they maintain continuous enrollment.

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.

GI Bill® trademark.¹

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Next Application for Approval

Upper Iowa University's next application for approval will be due by **March 4, 2022**. Please contact our office for a catalog approval worksheet or 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.

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Exhibit A: Approved accredited undergraduate-level programs and certificates.

<u>Award – Program</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
AA - Associate of Arts	50	Exhibit C lists concentrations
BA - Graphic Design	77	
BA - Sociology	73	
BS - Accounting	73	
BS - Business Administration	74	
BS - Communication Studies	60	
BS - Criminal Justice	57	
BS - Emergency & Disaster Management	69	
BS - Financial Management	75	
BS - Health Services Administration	77	
BS - Human Resource Management	75	
BS - Human Services	67	
BS - Information Systems	78	
BS - Information Technology	78	
BS - Management	76	
BS - Marketing	76	
BS - Psychology	68	
BS - Public Administration	70	
BS - Social Science	71	
BS - Software Engineering	64	

Exhibit B: Approved accredited graduate-level programs and certificates.

Award – Program	Page	Remarks
MBA - Master of Business Administration	156	Exhibit C lists concentrations
M.Ed - Master of Education	159	Exhibit C lists concentrations

Exhibit C: Concentrations available by program.

Award	Program	Concentration
AA	Associate of Arts	Criminal Justice General Business Liberal Arts Psychology
MBA	Master of Business Administration	Accounting Corporate Financial Management General Management Human Resource Management Organizational Development
M.Ed	Master of Education	Reading Reading 5-12 Reading K-8 Reading Specialist (K-12) Teacher Leadership
MPA	Master of Public Administration	Emergency Management & Homeland Security Government Administration Healthcare Management Nonprofit Organizational Management Public Management Coach and Leadership Education Sport Management