

Top Online Colleges

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The OEDb has released their annual rankings of online colleges for 2009. In their findings, they have ranked the top 44 online colleges.

The methodology of the rankings are based upon eight criteria: acceptance rate, financial aid, graduation rate, peer Web citations, retention rate, scholarly citations, student-faculty ratio, and years accredited.

While rankings alone should not be the sole criteria for attending a college, rankings in general can be used as a guide to see the strengths and weaknesses of a college you are considering.

The Top 10

- Nova Southeastern University
- Regent University
- Champlain College
- Upper Iowa University
- LeTourneau University
- Liberty University
- Grand Canyon University
- Dickinson State University
- Salem International University
- Keiser University

More: See the full rankings at <http://oedb.org/rankings>

Summary

After analyzing the data for each metric in the rankings, here is what can be summarized of the top online colleges.

Best Online Colleges for Financial Aid

The schools provide financial aid to all students:

Everglades University
Fisher College
Keiser University
Salem International University
Westwood College

Hardest to get into

ITT Technical Institute - Acceptance rate 35.30%

Easiest to get into

These colleges have a 100% acceptance rate:

American InterContinental University

Capella University

Kaplan University

Highest Graduation Rate

Champlain College - 84.00%

Highest Retention Rate

These colleges have 100% retention:

Florida National College

National University

Lowest Student/Faculty Ratio

Granite State College (10 to 1)

Regent University (10 to 1)

Western International University (10 to 1)