

# ASHFORD UNIVERSITY



Ashford University (AU) is defining the modern college experience by offering the flexibility and effectiveness of online learning. The University provides a vibrant learning community where high quality programs and leading-edge technology create a dynamic, immersive and stimulating learning experience. The University offers practical and progressive associate's, bachelor's and master's degree programs online. Ashford University - where heritage meets innovation.

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## HISTORY

AU was founded in 1918 by the Sisters of St. Francis in Clinton, Iowa. Originally named Mount St. Clare College, it was intended to serve the higher education needs for residents of Clinton and the surrounding areas. In 2005, Bridgepoint Education, Inc., a higher education company, acquired the institution (then named The Franciscan University of the Prairies) and changed its name to Ashford University.

## EDUCATION

AU is defining the modern college experience by offering a vibrant learning community deeply rooted in tradition. By combining leading-edge technology, AU is making high quality education more accessible and engaging to a diverse range of individuals. Students may transfer up to 90 approved credits to AU, allowing students to achieve their educational and career goals faster. In 2013, AU and Forbes Media announced an alliance between the University's School of Business and a subsidiary of the global media company. Ashford's College of Business and Professional Studies is now known as the Forbes School of Business at Ashford University.

## UNIVERSITY STRUCTURE

- AU is part of the Bridgepoint Education university system which, as of March 31, 2017 had a total student enrollment of 46,383 students. This system also includes University of the Rockies, located in Colorado.
- AU students come from all 50 states, as well as from the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and various Department of Defense sites overseas.
- **Service:** Online students may log in to their classes anytime, 24-hours a day. Student Advisors provide expert assistance via email and phone to ensure all students receive the same education benefits as their campus counterparts.
- AU maintains limited class sizes and a low student-to-faculty ratio to ensure personalized, one-on-one attention for all of its students.

