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“Look at what we have to offer, explore where one of our degrees could lead you, engage with our admissions counselors, and embark on an exciting and rewarding educational path with us at Penn State World Campus.”

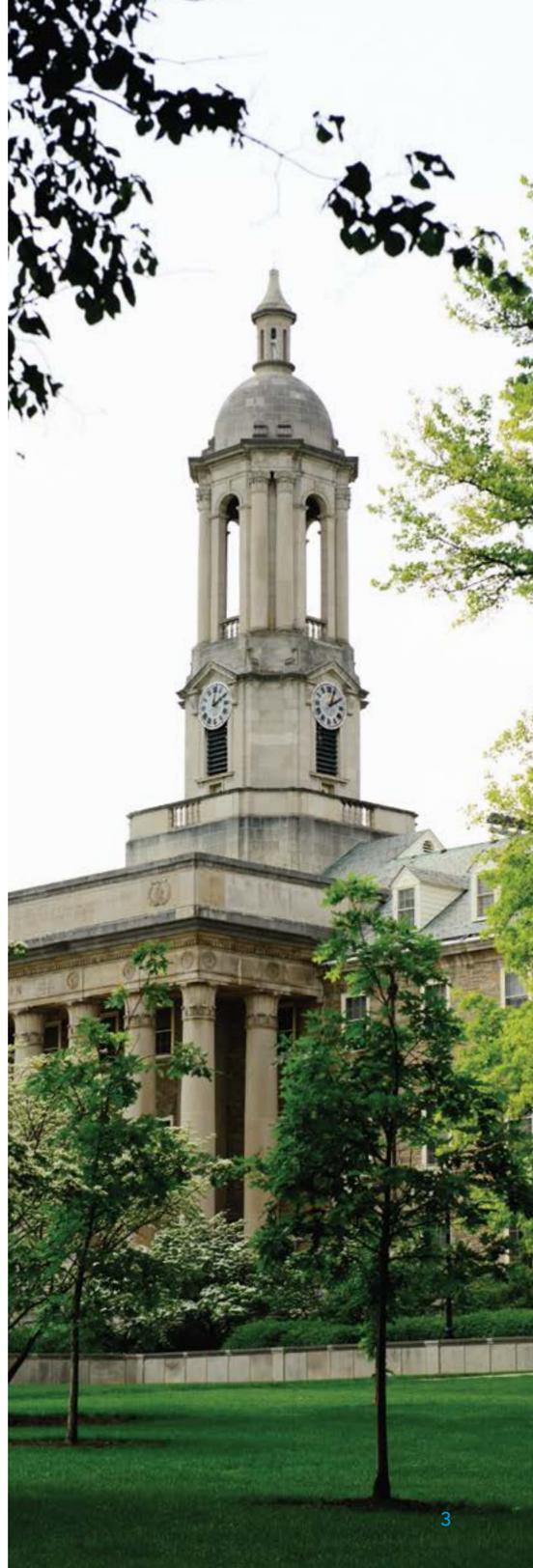
—Renata S. Engel, Ph.D.  
Associate Vice Provost for Online Programs

# Welcome

The landscape of education is changing. It's now more convenient than ever to earn a prestigious, nationally recognized degree or certificate online through Penn State World Campus. The flexibility of online learning has led to an increasing number of students turning to online education to achieve their goals, and World Campus is now Penn State's second largest campus by student enrollment, surpassed only by our University Park campus.

## Penn State World Campus Is Penn State—Online

Penn State is a pioneer in distance learning—students have been taking our courses from a distance for more than 125 years, dating back to when Penn State offered some of the nation's first correspondence courses. In 1998, we began offering our first online programs, and we haven't looked back. Today, Penn State World Campus offers more than 150 degrees and certificates, composed of expertly designed online courses taught by respected Penn State faculty. Upon completion of the requirements for your degree, you will be awarded a diploma that is identical to the one received by every Penn State graduate—with no distinction that you earned your degree online.



# Why Penn State World Campus?



“Earning my Penn State degree through World Campus has helped me professionally because of the reputation for quality that comes with a Penn State education.”

—Yonna Jolly, Graduate,  
Bachelor of Science in  
Psychology

## Online Experience

Students have been earning Penn State degrees and certificates online through World Campus since 1998. However, Penn State students have been learning at a distance for much longer—more than 125 years, beginning with the first correspondence courses offered in 1892. Since then, courses have evolved to leverage the best educational technology and expert instructional design.

## Accredited Programs

Penn State's accreditation with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education means that your courses have been nationally recognized by other accredited colleges and universities. Additionally, many individual programs hold industry accreditations, which position them at the top of their respective fields.

## Outstanding Academics

As a Penn State World Campus student, you can benefit from the research and knowledge of our experienced faculty, many of whom are reputable authors, experts, and pioneers in their fields. Your Penn State degree can show others you have advanced your knowledge and skills through masterful instruction.

## Global Community

Earning a degree or certificate through Penn State World Campus makes you part of a global community of learners from all 50 states, more than 60 countries, and every continent. And regardless of your location, you'll have access to a variety of support services from application through graduation.

# Ranked #1

*The Wall Street Journal* ranked **Penn State the top institution in the nation** for producing the best-prepared, most well-rounded graduates who are most able to succeed after being hired.



# Student Support Services

Your academic success is paramount to achieving all of your educational and professional goals. As a Penn State World Campus student, you'll have access to a full range of services to support your needs and a staff of experts who are available during extended business hours to accommodate your schedule. No matter which stage of your educational journey you are in, you can count on our support staff to help you.



## Get Started

Let us assist you with your application, transcripts, transfer credit evaluation, financial aid, and your return to the University if you are a former Penn Stater.

## Log On

Learn how to navigate University systems that allow you to access courses, interact with professors and students, pay your bill, and use the University Libraries' millions of volumes, in the form of online journals, e-books, document delivery, and more.

## Find Speciality Services

Benefit from unique services for military members and veterans, international students, alumni, corporate education, students with disabilities, and those transferring credits from other universities and colleges.

## Plan Your Future

Work with career services, graduation coordination staff, and alumni representatives to focus on your career goals and stay connected to the University during and after graduation.





From your first online chat with admissions staff to receiving congratulations from your academic adviser at commencement, you can be sure that the Penn State World Campus staff is committed to your success.

“Growing up, I always wanted to be a Penn Stater. As a Penn State World Campus student, I’ve had the chance to fulfill that dream from Texas, surrounded by my family.”

—Jonathan Lentini, Graduate, Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership



# Tuition and Financial Aid

You know that furthering your education can provide you with additional earning power, better marketability, and increased respect in your field. When you make the decision to pursue or complete your education online, you are making a solid investment in your future. We're here to help you explore options for financing your education.

## Financing Your Education

There are a number of ways you can pay your Penn State World Campus tuition. Visit our website to learn more about the following:

- › financial aid
- › scholarships
- › tuition assistance
- › installment payment plan
- › third-party payments
- › military payments

From exploring your financial aid options to getting answers to your questions, we have dedicated financial aid counselors who can help you. We'll provide you with the guidance you need to make your education experience at Penn State a success.

“Penn State World Campus enabled me to achieve my dreams while working full-time and maintaining work–life balance with family and friends.”

—Sabrina Beckman, Graduate,  
Master of Professional Studies  
in Human Resources and  
Employment Relations



# Military and Veteran Students



“Penn State is known as one of the most military-friendly schools, and I can attest to that. I chose Penn State because of the national accreditation and the national ranking. I wanted to make sure that Penn State’s honor and core values meshed with my own. And they do; it was a no-brainer.”

—Kevin Hunt, Master of Health Administration  
in Health Policy and Administration, U.S. Navy

As a Penn State World Campus military student, you’ll have access to an exclusive military support staff—including admissions counselors, benefit specialists, and academic advisers—all of whom are invested in your success. You can take advantage of their years of experience in helping service members, veterans, and their spouses achieve their education goals.

## Military Benefits

With Penn State World Campus, you’ll have access to many military-specific options for financing your education, such as:

- › veteran education benefits, including the GI Bill®
- › military tuition assistance benefits
- › Penn State’s Military Grant-in-Aid for those who qualify

You may also be awarded credit for military training and experience, through CLEP® and DANTES testing, and receive a 100% tuition refund for military service withdrawal, when needed.

In addition, you can take assurance in Penn State’s designation as a military-friendly university and our demonstrated commitment to supporting our military students. We are proud to serve you while abiding by the high standards set forth through the Department of Defense Memorandum of Understanding, Executive Order 13607 and the Principles of Excellence, and the 8 Keys to Veterans’ Success.

# When You Graduate



“Being a Penn State World Campus student allowed me to really appreciate the technology that goes into being an online learner.”

—**Jamie Reep, Graduate,  
Bachelor of Science in  
Information Sciences  
and Technology**

## A Time for Celebration

Few milestones in life are as exciting and rewarding as finally graduating with your degree and holding your diploma in your hands. When you graduate, you and your family are invited to attend an exclusive Penn State World Campus celebration, along with the commencement ceremony for your Penn State program.

## Connected Around the World

Upon graduation, you immediately and automatically become part of a worldwide network of nearly 700,000 Penn State alumni. You have the option of joining both the Penn State Alumni Association and the World Campus Alumni Society. You will receive a complimentary year of membership to the Alumni Association to recognize your academic achievement, and should you choose to become a member of the Association, you'll become part of the largest dues-paying alumni association in the world.

# The Penn State Difference

## Award-winning Education—Online

For more than five years, Penn State World Campus has earned top-ten honors in the *U.S. News & World Report* Best Online Programs rankings for our undergraduate programs. Our graduate business, education, engineering, and computer information sciences programs have also been honored in these prestigious rankings.

## Get Involved

Engage with your peers through student organizations, including student alumni groups and program-based clubs, or consider joining the student advisory board, a group whose members provide advocacy on behalf of students. You can also aspire to join an honor society or to make the Dean's List.

## Student Services

Take advantage of our student services, which include access to Academic Advising, Career Services, Library Services, Mental Health Services, and Disability Accommodations. Our support staff can help you foster good habits for a healthy work–life balance during your student experience.

## Technology and Tutoring

As a Penn State World Campus student, you'll have access to technical support to help you with computer-related concerns via email, phone, and even chat—during expanded hours that accommodate a distance learning population. We also offer tutoring online and in-person and provide guidance with learning technology.



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