

Information

“The St. Ambrose ACCEL program is the platform where theory meets workplace reality. The text is our baseline, and students take the class to the next level.”

STEVE CLEVELAND

ACCEL Facilitator of the Year '02

ACCEL Program at St. Ambrose University

The St. Ambrose University ACCEL Program gives working adults the opportunity to complete an undergraduate degree at an accelerated pace. ACCEL delivers convenience, accessibility, and quality—important factors for adults who want to fit higher education into an already busy schedule.

ACCEL students finish their bachelor's degree faster by taking 5-week and 8-week courses meeting weekends or weeknights. ACCEL's unique, discussion-driven, adult learning environment develops relevant business and communication skills that are directly applicable to the workplace. ACCEL offers six bachelor's degrees especially suited to the career goals of working adults.

ACCEL Program Advantages

- Designed for working adults, offering flexible “step in/step out” pacing
- Accelerated five-week and eight-week courses conveniently scheduled weeknights and weekends
- Earn 27 credits per year while studying part-time
- Three sessions per semester, nine sessions per year
- Highly interactive, discussion-based learning environment
- Qualified working professionals and SAU faculty facilitate courses
- Bachelor's degree from St. Ambrose University

The ACCEL Program guides you in developing the skills needed by today's employees to stay competitive in tomorrow's marketplace. Learn how the ACCEL Program can help you accomplish your career and academic goals faster. Contact us, and sign up for an upcoming ACCEL Information Session.

Degrees Offered in the ACCEL Program

Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree provides you with the academic preparation to meet the professional standards for advancement in your institution or to meet the hiring qualifications required in more independent practice settings.

Business Administration provides a thorough overview of management, accounting, finance, marketing, business law, human resources, diversity, and business ethics.

Business Administration–Accounting provides the skills and knowledge necessary for a professional career in public and private accounting as well as the not-for-profit and government accounting arena.

Applied Management Technology builds on a two-year Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree. General education and applied management courses broaden the technical and vocational studies already acquired to provide business skills and competencies for managing materials, money, and people in a variety of industries.

Elected Studies meets the needs of mobile adults with diverse backgrounds who have already earned college credits, most likely from several institutions of higher learning, and seek to complete a college degree focusing on their individual interests, needs, and goals. Students work with advisors to design an individualized degree plan.

Special Studies is designed especially for the working registered nurse or allied health professional, offering an opportunity to build on an existing educational background to complete a bachelor degree.

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Admission Requirements

All applicants must be at least 23 years of age, have a minimum of three years work experience and 24 transferrable semester credit hours completed at an accredited institution with a GPA (grade point average) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Individuals who do not meet these academic criteria may petition for consideration.

Transfer Credits

While a minimum of 30 semester credits must be earned at St. Ambrose University, transfer credits and additional credit opportunities can help complete a degree even sooner. A maximum of 90 transfer credits can be accepted from accredited colleges and universities. Of these credits, up to 60 credits can be transferred from community or junior colleges. Students who wish to take courses at another college after enrolling in ACCEL must discuss this with an ACCEL advisor and seek approval from St. Ambrose University's Office of Records and Registration.

Additional Credit Opportunities

The ACCEL staff recognizes that adult students have more life experience, which we acknowledge by helping qualified students acquire credit for prior college-level educational and professional experience.

- Acceptable performance on CLEP and DANTES tests
- Applicable military training and experience
- Applicable non-collegiate sponsored instruction
- Prior Experiential Learning/Portfolio process

Financial Aid

ACCEL students who register for at least six credit hours per semester are eligible to apply for federal and state financial assistance, including grant programs and deferred student loans. Applications may be obtained by contacting the ACCEL office at 563/441-9500 or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Fees and Tuition

Tuition information can be found on the current course schedule or on our website at www.sau.edu/accel. Tuition rates are the same for in-state or out-of-state students. Payment options available include corporate reimbursement, personal checks, cash, cashiers checks, credit cards, and payment plan. The ACCEL Program refund schedule complies with Federal Refund Guidelines. Please contact the ACCEL Office for further information.

Accreditation

St. Ambrose University is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and serves students through a variety of programs at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels.