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Lincoln University and University of Central Arkansas Earn ASCA Recognition

ALEXANDRIA, VA – The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) is pleased to announce two universities have earned the ASCA Recognition for School Counselor Preparation Programs: [Lincoln University](#), Jefferson City, Mo., and [University of Central Arkansas](#), Conway, Ark. With the addition of these two programs, seven universities have now earned the ASCA recognition.

Programs receiving the national recognition have affirmed that school counseling candidates are prepared to deliver a comprehensive school counseling program and are knowledgeable about the foundations and concepts of school counseling. Graduates of ASCA-Recognized School Counselor Preparation Programs demonstrate they have met national standards that are recognized and valued by school districts and administrators.

College/university school counselor preparation programs may seek national recognition of their school counselor preparation program if they are accredited by or are seeking accreditation by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation ([CAEP](#)) or the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation ([AAQEP](#)) or if their university is accredited by a recognized regional or state accreditor of university education programs.

To earn ASCA recognition, programs must complete the program review process (written report), providing [evidence](#) that they meet each of the [ASCA School Counselor Preparation Program Standards](#), a unified set of principles guiding school counselor preparation programs in training effective future school counselors in areas of professional practice and ethical behavior. Program reports are reviewed by three ASCA-trained reviewers (school counselor faculty with doctoral degrees).

Congratulations to the December 2025 class of recognized programs.

About the American School Counselor Association

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) professional organization based in Alexandria, Va. ASCA promotes student success by expanding the image and influence of school counseling through leadership, advocacy, collaboration and

systemic change. ASCA helps school counselors guide their students toward academic achievement, career planning and social/emotional development to help today's students become tomorrow's productive, contributing members of society. Founded in 1952, ASCA has a network of 53 state and territory associations and a membership of more than 40,000 school counseling professionals. For additional information on the American School Counselor Association, visit schoolcounselor.org.