University Seal, Motto, and Logo

The seal identifies the dual destiny of the University of St. Francis. The crest in the inner circle shows the arm of Christ joined with the arm of St. Francis at the base of the cross. This symbolizes the fusion of love between Christ and St. Francis as identified through the motto, "Deus Meus et Omnia," "My God and My All," which is mounted on the crest. Tower Hall, the main academic building at the University of St. Francis, shown on the right side of the crest, symbolizes learning. The fleur-de-lis atop the crest is representative of Mary Immaculate, the patroness of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, who founded the university. The motto "Primo Unctio et Postea Speculatio," which encircles the crest, identifies the Franciscan ideal of education, "Holiness First and Then Learning."

The logo identifies the official name, the University of St. Francis, and is presented in a symbolic rendition of a gothic window, a connection to the medieval origin of universities and to the collegiate gothic architecture of Tower Hall. The official colors of the University are the brown of St. Francis and gold.

Accreditations

The University of St. Francis is accredited by the following organizations:

- **The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools**, 230 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1413, (800) 621-7440; (312) 263-0456; Fax: (312) 263-7462 - (since 1938)
- **Illinois State Board of Education**, 100 N First St, Springfield, IL 62777; (217) 782-4321; Fax: (217) 524-4928 - (since 1926)
- **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education**, One DuPont Circle NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 887-6791; Fax: (202) 887-8476 - (since 2005)
- **Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs**, 11520 West 119th St., Overland Park, KS 66213; (913) 339-9356; Fax: (913) 339-6226 - (since 2007)
- **Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.**, 12000 Findley Road, Suite 150, John's Creek, GA 30097; (770) 476-1224; Fax: (770) 476-1738 - (since 2000)
- **Council on Social Work Education**, 1701 Duke Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314-3457, (703) 683-8080; Fax: (703) 683-8099 - (since 1982)
- **National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education**, 2010 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 466-7496; Fax: (202) 296-6220 - (since 2008)
- **National Recreation and Parks Association, Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Related Professions**, 22377 Belmont Ridge Road, Ashburn, VA 20148; (800) 626-6772; Fax: (703) 858-0794 - (since 1983)

Allied Health hospital affiliate accreditations:

- **Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology**, 2000 W. Danforth Road, Suite 130 #203 Edmond, OK 73003; (405) 285-0546; Fax: (405) 285-0579; Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL
- **Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology**, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60606; (312) 704-5300; Fax: (312) 704-5304; Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL & **Swedish American Hospital, Rockford, IL**
- **National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences**, 5600 N. River Road, Suite 720, Rosemont, IL 60018; (773) 714-8880; Fax: (773) 714-8886; Hines VA Hospital, Hines, IL