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IPEDS: The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System conducted by National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). IPEDS began in 1986 and involves annual data collections. Survey data are required from all postsecondary institutions that have a Program Participation Agreement (PPA) with the Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education. IPEDS also requests limited data from approximately 3,000 other schools offering postsecondary education programs.

NCA: North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Consumer Price Index (CPI): A measure of the average change in prices over time paid for food, clothing, shelter, transportation, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living.

Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET): Recognized accreditor for college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology, ABET is a federation of 29 professional and technical societies representing these fields.

Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB): As a specialized agency, AACSB International grants accreditation for undergraduate and graduate business administration and accounting programs.