

Accreditation History for Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences

- In 1904, Beth-El School of Nursing was established as a diploma school by an agency of the Methodist Church.
- In 1909, the school was registered and approved by the Colorado State Board of Nurse Examiners and operated by Beth-El Hospital.
- In 1943, Beth-El School of Nursing and Beth-El Hospital were acquired by the City of Colorado Springs. Beth-El Hospital was renamed to Memorial Hospital.
- In the mid-1970s, the faculty of the school began to explore the option of conversion to college status.
- In 1983, the Board of Trustees of Beth-El and the Board of Trustees of Memorial Hospital approved the mission statement granting Beth-El School of Nursing to offer a baccalaureate degree in nursing (BSN) as a College of Nursing.
- In August 1985, the first baccalaureate nursing students were admitted after regional NCA candidacy status was received.
- A College Board of Trustees was appointed to govern the collegiate institution.
- In 1988 and again in 1996, accreditation by the National League of Nursing (NLN-AC) was achieved for the undergraduate nursing (BSN) program. After a name change, the agency is now the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).
- Beth-El College of Nursing was accredited by the High Learning Commission (HLC) from June 24, 1988 to June 30, 1997, prior to their merger with the University of Colorado Colorado Springs.
- In 1993, the college was reaccredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools for a 10 (ten) year period.
- In spring 1993, the College established a graduate nursing program offering a Master of Science in Nursing. Following a focused site-visit, the NCA approved the College to grant the degree.
- In 1996, initial accreditation by NLN for the master's degree was granted.
- In 1997, Beth-El College of Nursing merged with the University of Colorado Colorado Springs to become the Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
- In 2002, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited the Master's program. Although this accreditation was valid through 2007, the decision was made to place the graduate and undergraduate programs on the same accreditation schedule. Since the initial accreditation, NLN accreditation had been maintained for the undergraduate program. However, it was decided to seek only CCNE accreditation for both the undergraduate and graduate programs during the 2005 renewal period.
- Since 2005, the College has maintained continuous CCNE accreditation.
- The University of Colorado Colorado Springs is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Accreditation was granted in July 1970 and the most recent affirmation of accreditation was conducted in 2016-2017.

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