

We're seeking creative
and driven learners who
want the opportunity
to do school differently—
eager for the challenges
of teamwork and innovation
in a uniquely supportive
environment focused
on real-world learning.

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Bright College students learn as a part of a cohort—a team of classmates they will work with to take on **real-world challenges** and solve problems creatively, **collaboratively**, and effectively. ■ They will gain the foundational knowledge in core subject areas, like humanities, STEM, and the arts, and will apply that knowledge in **relevant, high-impact** ways through hands-on experience. ■ Bright College degrees focus on higher-order, transferable skills including critical thinking, systems literacy, intercultural understanding, collaborative problem-solving, and **effective communication.**

➤ PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Choose one of two full-time degree programs, specially designed for commuter students in Central Iowa with family, community, and employment responsibilities beyond school.

Associate of Arts degree in Business, Organization, and Professional Studies (BOPS)

*Full-time, 2 years
60 credit hours*

Associate of Arts degree in Integrated Arts, Sciences, and Humanities (IASH)

*Full-time, 2 years
60 credit hours*

Graduates from Bright College will be prepared to enter the professional workforce as creative thinkers and leaders or to continue their education by completing four-year degrees—or both.

➤ APPLICATION

Applications open December 2020, enrolling for Fall 2021.

APPLICANTS WILL SUBMIT

- ✓ High school transcripts
- ✓ Two references from teachers, counselors, or coaches who can attest to their abilities and promise
- ✓ A completed application form including responses to questions about their strengths, potential, and life experiences

DO NOT NEED:

- ✗ AP exam scores
- ✗ ACT or SAT scores, or *any* outside test score for that matter.

After submission and initial review, we will invite qualified applicants to a brief interview.



As a member of Bright College’s founding class, your student will experience endless opportunities.

How to know if Bright College is a good fit for your student...

Check all that apply.

- They work well in teams and even find it energizing.
- They strive to be a leader among peers.
- The things they are good at don’t always show up on grade reports.
- They have what it takes to succeed.
- Real-world problems should be looked at from all angles. They don’t believe there’s always a “right” and a “wrong.”
- They are ready to put in the work that it takes to get ahead.
- They excel at hands-on projects more than tests.

If these match your student’s attributes, Bright College might be the perfect next step after high school.

➤ INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

In order to consider the cost of attending Bright College, it is critical to review the whole picture. The price of Bright College is \$18,678 per academic year, including a \$178 student activity fee, but that does not mean it will be every student’s out-of-pocket cost.

We strive to offer scholarships to lower the cost when financial need is demonstrated. After deducting the Estimated Family Contribution (calculated by the FAFSA), the remainder of the tuition & fees will be fully covered with a combination of scholarships, grants, and a Federal Direct Subsidized Loan not to exceed \$1,500. (Valid for Iowa residents who enroll as first-time, full-time college students in the Fall 2021 semester, and who complete the 2021-2022 FAFSA by July 1, 2021.)

Room and board is available, but not required for Bright College students.

Curriculum

Two Calendar Years,
60 Credit Hours

- **Associate’s Degree**
in Integrated Arts, Sciences,
and Humanities

- **Associate’s Degree**
in Business, Professional,
and Organizational Studies

➤ YEAR 1

Summer Bridge
(August)

Seminar A
(August-December)
“Communication,
Representation &
Cultural History”
12 Credit Hours

Interterm
(January)
“Organizational
Improv”
3 Credit Hours

Seminar B
(February-May)
“Media, Information,
and Data Literacy for
Citizen Engagement”
12 Credit Hours

➤ YEAR 2

**Organizational
Culture + Internship**
(June-July)
6 Credit Hours

Seminar C
(August-December)
“Global Natural and
Social Systems”
12 Credit Hours

Practicum
(January-May)
15 Credit Hours

**Applied Business and
Organizational Studies**
(for BOPS degree)
or
**Applied Arts, Sciences
and Humanities** (for
IAHS degree)

Graduation (May)

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