

## Instructional Site, Consortium, and Campus Designations

The Department of Education defines three types of educational locations for higher education: An *instructional site*, a *consortium*, and a *campus*. The designation defines how education is to be offered at that place and the types of student supports that need to be provided.

	Instructional Site	Consortium	Campus
Offerings	At least 50% of the curriculum for at least one program that results in a certificate or higher. Instruction must be in person. The institution is responsible for providing the remaining curriculum.	At least 50% of the curriculum for at least one-degree program with necessary academic supports. Instruction must be in person. Consortium partner(s) assist with academic support, potentially including instruction.	At least 50% of the curriculum for at least one-degree program with necessary academic supports. Instruction must be in person.
Lifespan	Variable. An instructional site typically exists to meet a specific need. When the need is satisfied the instructional site is typically closed.	Extended. A consortium typically exists to enable an institution to offer a degree that it alone cannot fully provide. The consortium endures until the institution is fully resourced to provide the degree or elects to end the degree offering.	Permanent. Closure of a campus requires accreditor review and approval.
Faculty	May or may not be full-time employees of the institution.	At least some are full-time employees of the institution.	Most are full-time employees of the institution.
Administration	No on-site administration required.	On-site administration that works in collaboration with consortium partner(s).	On-site administration with independent decision-making authority.
Budget	Budget managed by off-site authority.	Budget may be managed on- or off-site.	Full budget and hiring authority.
Infrastructure	Fully managed by location property manager.	Management shared by consortium partner(s).	Fully managed by campus administration.
Academic and support services	None required on-site. Institution must	Consortium partner(s) collaborate to provide	Full suite of academic and support services

	arrange for students to receive essential academic services through off-site sources.	extended academic services and essential support services on-site.	provided with at least some being on-site.
Ability to add programs	Institution must justify if proposed new programs fall outside of the original need for the site. Accreditor may require on-site quality controls.	Dependent upon breadth of consortium agreement.	Dictated by institutional policy.