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Accredited institutions are those listed in the publications of regional, national, or international accrediting agencies accepted by the County of Los Angeles Department of Human Resources. Publications such as American Universities and Colleges and International Handbook of Universities are acceptable references.

Degrees obtained from institutions outside the United States must be evaluated by an academic credential evaluation agency recognized by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or the Association of International Credential Evaluators (AICE) and deemed equivalent to degrees from accredited institutions recognized by the County of Los Angeles.

For more information regarding education, school accreditation, foreign degree evaluations, and the County's standards for educational documents, click [here](#) to review the Accredited College Education Policy (PPG 123) and click [here](#) to review the Accredited College Education Resource Guide.

To be eligible for California State Bar certification through the Practical Training of Law Students (PTLS) Program, applicants must:

- Have sat for or registered to sit for the first eligible California Bar Examination. The results of the first eligible Bar Examination must not be published at the time of appointment.
- Be registered as a law student with the State Bar of California.

Additional information regarding the [Practical Training of Law Students \(PTLS\) Program](#) can be found on the State Bar of California website.