Very few schools in the Wichita area have top ranking computer information technology programs. Read on to find out more about what one of these top schools has to offer for information technology, as well as tuition and degree information.

!!!School and Ranking Information

One private, not-for-profit school and one public school within 25 miles of Wichita, KS, offer degrees related to computer information technology. Due to types of degrees offered, rankings and tuition costs, we picked the public school as our top choice in the area.

\*\_\_Winner:\_\_ Located in Wichita, KS, Wichita State University (WSU) is home to more than 14,000 students, the majority of whom are undergraduates. The College of Engineering offers a bachelor's degree and two master's degree programs for people interested in pursuing a career in computer information technology (IT).

!!!School Info Chart

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| || | Category | || | Wichita State University |
| | | \_\_Rankings\_\_ | | | *#228 in High School Counselor Rankings (2014)\** |
| | | \_\_Location\_\_ | | | *Wichita, KS* |
| | | \_\_School Type\_\_ | | | *4-year; public* |
| | | \_\_Tuition & Fees (2014–2015)\_\_ | | | *Undergraduate: $7,267 (in-state); $16,697 (out-of-state)\** |
| | | \_\_Computer Science Degrees Offered\_\_ | | | *Bachelor's; Master's* |
| | | \_\_Computer Science Degrees Awarded (all levels) in 2013\_\_ | | | *29\*\** |
| | | \_\_Most Popular Computer Science Degree Level Awarded in 2013\_\_ | | | *Bachelor's\*\** |
| | | \_\_Undergraduate Graduation Rate (in 150% of normal degree time) for 2007 Entering Class\_\_ | | | *46%\*\** |
| | | \_\_Noteworthy\_\_ | | | The computer science program is accredited by ABET\*\*\* |
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|  | *‘’Sources: \*U.S. News and World Report, \*\*NCES College Navigator, \*\*\*Wichita State University’’* | | |

!!!Wichita State University

\*Computer science students can participate in the Association for Computing Machinery

\*Students can conduct research at the Applied Technology Acceleration Institute

\*The master’s program in computer science allows students to combine their academic experience with relative paid work experience

Wichita State University houses six academic colleges and an Honors college. The university confers a full range of degrees, including doctoral degrees.

The College of Engineering at WSU has four degree-granting departments. The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science conducts research in a variety of areas, including computer architecture, digital communications, computer networking and control theory.

The 128-hour computer science bachelor’s program requires students to complete three of six activities recommended by the National Academy of Engineering. These include an internship, study abroad experience, undergraduate research, global learning, multidisciplinary education and leadership. Core courses include computer networking, operating systems, software engineering, digital design, programming languages and algorithm design.

The Master of Science in Computer Networking program has three options, requiring students to complete a thesis, a directed project or a course-only plan of study. Topics covered include wireless networking, operating systems, network security, advanced networking, network management and network reliability.

In the Master of Science in Computer Science program, students can also choose from a thesis option, course-only option and directed project option in this program. Coursework in this program includes compiler construction, theory of computer science, algorithms and databases.