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OVERVIEW

Lesley University offers undergraduate and advanced degrees that prepare women and men to become leaders in education, human services, the arts, environmental studies and a variety of other professional fields. Lesley is a national leader in quality teacher preparation. The University prepares more teachers than any other private institution in Massachusetts and is one of the largest providers of graduate education for classroom educators in the United States. Lesley enrolls over 8,000 students, both on-campus in Cambridge, at the Art Institute in Boston, and at 150 locations in 23 states as well as several locations around the world. Almost 1,700 undergraduates and 3,000 graduate students study in Cambridge. In total, Lesley employs nearly 650 faculty and staff.

Lesley has pioneered programs in many fields including Expressive Therapies, Integrated Teaching Through the Arts, and Art Therapy, and offers extraordinary environmental education experiences through its Audubon Expedition Institute. The University is also home to a number of centers and institutes that conduct research, help shape public policy, and provide continuing education and professional development opportunities across a wide range of disciplines including: Math, Special Education, Literacy, Conflict Resolution, Evaluation and Research, and Children, Families and Public Policy.

Lesley University is made up of four schools. Two undergraduate colleges:

- Lesley College (including the Adult Learning Division)
- Art Institute of Boston

And two graduate schools:

- School of Education
- Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences

Lesley provides opportunities for learning in three distinct delivery modes:

- Traditional on-campus
- National Programs--off-campus & weekend cohort
- Online Programs

Additional programs:

- Threshold program
- High school programs

SCHOOLS

Lesley College

Lesley's undergraduate liberal arts program provides both a residential collegiate experience for traditional-aged students as well as extensive programs for adult learners. Centered at the Quad Campus in Cambridge, Lesley College offers the benefits of a small, residential liberal arts college and the resources of a larger university. Academic programs integrate a strong foundation in the liberal arts, with opportunities for study in a range of academic fields, as well as professional preparation in Education, Human

Services, Management, the Environment, and the Arts. Additional opportunities include accelerated bachelor's/master's programs and cross-registration with the Art Institute of Boston and other schools within the University.

As part of Lesley College, the Adult Learning Division offers adult students flexible ways of earning a Bachelor's Degree while accommodating on-going work and personal responsibilities. Courses are offered in the late afternoon or evening, as well as on weekends, both on campus in Cambridge and regionally at Lesley learning sites throughout New England. The Learning Community Bachelors degree program alternates six months of independent study with nine-day residencies twice a year. Majors are offered in Liberal Arts, Environmental Studies, Human Services, Human Development, American Studies, or Individually Designed Majors. Prospective teachers may also complete course work that leads to initial licensure in Massachusetts. In 2009, the Adult Learning Division will introduce a new online business degree. Additional degree programs are currently being designed including an expansion of online programs and course opportunities.

Art Institute of Boston

Both a professional school of art and design and a constituent college of Lesley University, AIB offers the benefits of both a rigorous art school curriculum and opportunities for integrated studies in the liberal arts, education, and myriad other academic offerings of the University. AIB is currently located in Boston's Kenmore Square, though undergraduate housing is integrated with that of Lesley College on the Quad and Brattle campuses. AIB offers a number of degree programs including the BFA degree, MFA degree, diploma, and certificate in Design, Illustration, Fine Arts, Photography, and combined majors. AIB faculty members are leading professional artists in their fields. A 9-to-1 student-teacher ratio ensures AIB's intimate, hands-on, studio-based learning environment.

School of Education

The School of Education continues Edith Lesley Wolfard's century-old commitment to educating teachers and is marked by its commitment to education reform, action-oriented research, and its philosophy of providing lifelong learning for educators. With nationally recognized programs in early childhood, elementary, middle school and special education; literacy and language arts; and technology in education, Lesley is a major source of teachers and other educational personnel for schools across the country. The school's goal is to expand its leadership in the public policy arena and to continue to develop new ways to work collaboratively with schools to enhance learning for all children.

Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences

The Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences offers creative and integrative adult programs for those seeking personal and professional growth in diverse areas of human development that emphasize the application of theory to practice. Programs include

Counseling and Psychology, Integrated Teaching Through The Arts, Expressive Therapies, Intercultural Relations, Independent

Study Degree Program, Interdisciplinary Studies Program, M.F.A. Program in Creative Writing, Lesley/Audubon Environmental Education Programs, International and Collaborative Programs, and the Institute for Body, Mind and Spirituality. Academic programs offered through the Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences are innovative and at the forefront of their fields. Several hold the distinction of being the first of their kind. GSASS is also responsible for Lesley's programs in Israel.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Threshold Program

Threshold is a comprehensive, non-degree campus-based program for highly motivated young adults with diverse learning disabilities and other special needs. Threshold's Two-Year Residential Program accommodates about fifty students each year. Threshold was founded in 1982 by Dr. Arlyn Roffman, Professor of Education at Lesley University, and was the first college-based program in the nation to provide comprehensive vocational and independent living training skills to this student population.

High School Programs

In collaboration with the Cambridge Public Schools and the Boston Public Schools, Lesley offers non-degree opportunities for high-school aged students to engage in artistic and intellectual exploration, both in Cambridge and at the Art Institute of Boston. Programs are offered on weekends, over the summer and at other times of the year.

University Profile FY 2009

Founded:	1909
Total Enrollment:	9,625
Undergraduates:	1,857
Master's, C.A.G.S., Ph.D. students:	7,768
Non-Matriculating Students:	1,990
Total Alumni:	67,887
Annual Budget:	\$103,000,000

Campus locations:

- Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Boston, Massachusetts
- Belfast, Maine
- Las Vegas, Nevada
- Over 150 sites in 23 states
- Netanya, Israel

Accreditation:

- New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- National Association of Schools of Art and Design
- Teacher Education Accreditation Council