

Education in the Bahamas

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Country Overview

The Bahamas

Official Name	Commonwealth of the Bahamas
Capital	Nassau
Language	English (official) Bahamian Creole
Type of Government	Unitary parliamentary constitutional monarchy
Legislature	Parliament Senate (Upper House) / House of Assembly (Lower House)
Year of Independence	1973
Area	13,943 square kilometers / 5,383 square miles
Administrative Divisions	32 Districts
Population	412,628
Currency	Bahamian Dollar (BSD)

Map

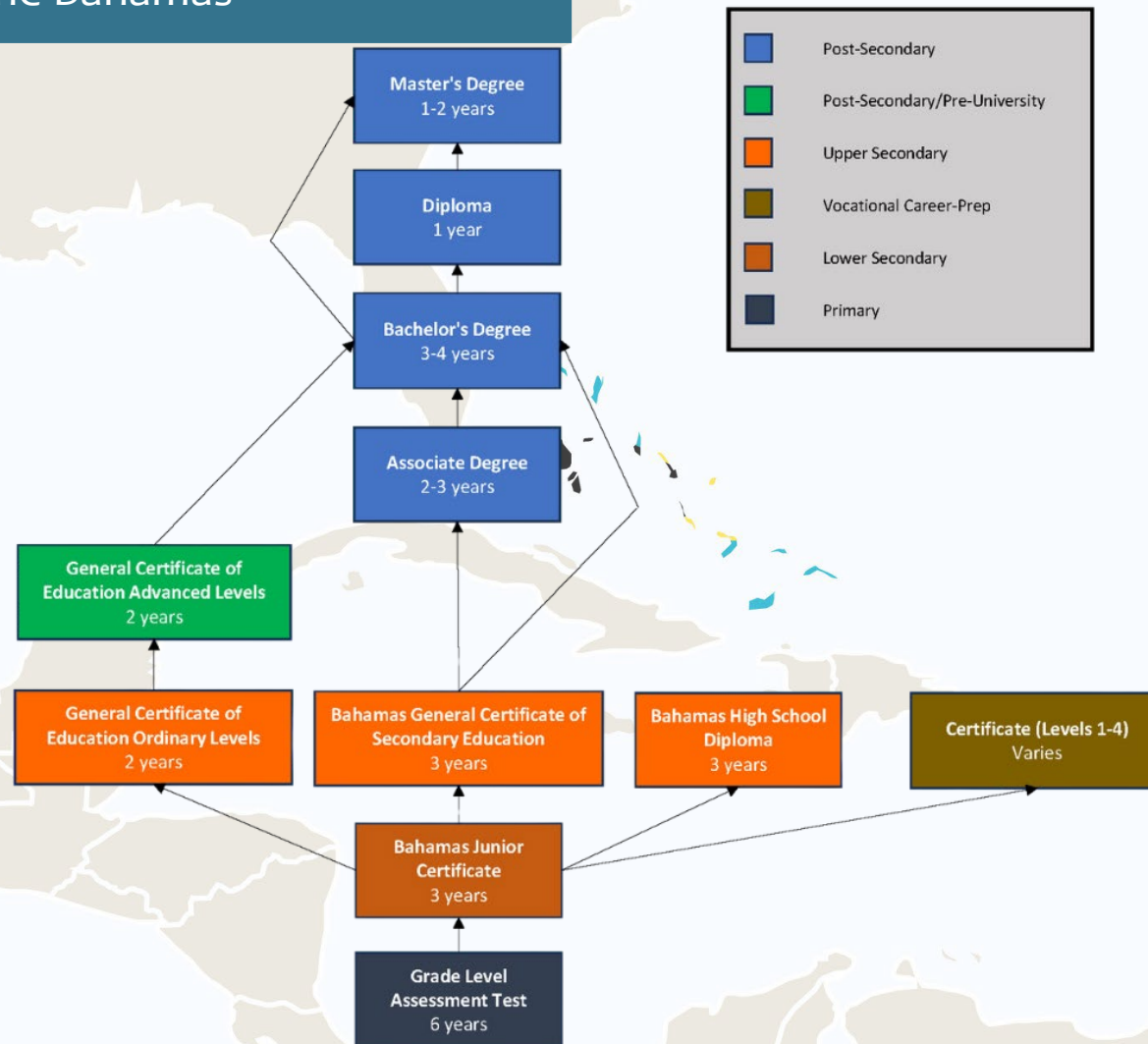
The Bahamas

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Education Ladder

The Bahamas



Secondary Education

The Bahamas

General Certificate of Education Ordinary Levels

UK credential; discontinued in 1991 and last given around 1992
Length: 2 years
GTE Comparability: High school diploma



Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education

Started in 1991 and first awarded in 1993
Length: 3 years
GTE Comparability: High school diploma



Bahamas High School Diploma

Created in 2014 to address declining BGCSE completion
Length: 3 years
GTE Comparability: High school diploma



Districts

New Providence Northern Secondary
New Providence Southern Secondary
New Providence Western Primary
New Providence Eastern Primary
Abaco
Eleuthera
Exuma
Andros & The Berry Islands
Grand Bahama
South Central Bahamas
Long Island

Sample Secondary Credentials

Internal School Documents

The Anglican Central Education Authority



St. Anne's School

Founded 1955

Diploma

This is to certify that

has completed the prescribed course of study in
secondary education and is therefore
awarded this Diploma

Special Credit

Given at Nassau, Bahamas, this twentieth
day of June, Two thousand and Nineteen.

Principal

Director of Education

Chairman, A.C.E.A.

STUDENT
PARQUAR
ADDRESS
SEX
PHONE: 6
DOB: 27 January, 2001

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL
Fox Hill Road
Nassau, BAHAMAS SS 6256

Phone: (242) 324 1203 CODE: 1909

GR:YEAR	COURSE	Av1	T2	Av3	FNL	CREDIT
09:15-16	HR9					0.00
09:15-16	Principal					0.00
09:15-16	English 9	74	87	67	761	1.00
09:15-16	Lit 9	64	57	67	631	1.00
09:15-16	Maths 9	73	71	85	761	1.00
09:15-16	Soc Stud 9	59	64	55	591	0.00
09:15-16	Science 9	78	90	62	771	1.00
09:15-16	Rel Stud 9	65	66	43	591	0.00
09:15-16	Spanish 9	68	78	72	731	1.00
09:15-16	IT 9	86	91	67	811	1.00
09:15-16	Music 9	89	75	77	801	1.00
09:15-16	Phys Ed 9	62	67	75	681	1.00
09:15-16	Fam Life 9					0.00
09:15-16	AVERAGES:	72	75	67	711	8.00

GR:YEAR	COURSE	Av1	T2	Av3	FNL	CREDIT
10:16-17	HR10					0.00
10:16-17	Principal					0.00
10:16-17	English 10	69	52	65	621	1.00
10:16-17	Lit 10	58	79	61	661	1.00
10:16-17	Maths 10	78	70	72	731	1.00
10:16-17	Geog 10	67	73	51	641	1.00
10:16-17	Physics 10	80	86	71	791	1.00
10:16-17	Rel Ed 10	78	51	57	621	1.00
10:16-17	Careers 10					0.00
10:16-17	Spanish 10	73	73	73	731	1.00
10:16-17	IT 10	91	83	90	881	1.00
10:16-17	Music 10	90	76	61	761	1.00
10:16-17	Phys Ed 10	76	70	65	701	1.00
10:16-17	AVERAGES:	76	71	67	711	10.00

GR:YEAR	COURSE	Av1	T2	Av3	FNL	CREDIT
11:17-18	HR11					0.00
11:17-18	Principal					0.00
11:17-18	English 11	75	88	69	771	1.00
11:17-18	Maths 11	86	78	84	831	1.00
11:17-18	Geog 11	67	74	40	601	1.00
11:17-18	Physics 11	75	81	64	731	1.00
11:17-18	Rel Ed 11	81	94	84	861	1.00
11:17-18	Careers 11					0.00
11:17-18	Spanish 11	71	77	69	721	1.00
11:17-18	IT 11	88	83	77	831	1.00
11:17-18	Music 11	83	89	74	821	1.00
11:17-18	Phy Ed 11	89	70	46	681	1.00
11:17-18	AVERAGES:	79	82	67	761	9.00

GR:YEAR	COURSE	Av1	T2	Av3	FNL	CREDIT
12:18-19	HR12					0.00
12:18-19	Principal					0.00
12:18-19	English 12	68	49	56	581	0.00
12:18-19	Maths 12	85	90	72	821	1.00
12:18-19	Geog 12	71	59	53	611	1.00
12:18-19	Physics 12	70	88	72	771	1.00
12:18-19	Rel St 12	78	87	53	731	1.00
12:18-19	Careers 12					0.00
12:18-19	Spanish 12	60	72	68	671	1.00
12:18-19	IT 12	84	73	89	821	1.00
12:18-19	Music 12	86	97	82	881	1.00
12:18-19	Phys Ed 12	95	85	88	891	1.00
12:18-19	AVERAGES:	77	78	70	751	8.00

At end of
Leaving Date: JUNE 2019

Rank in Class = 39 out of 54
Leaving Status: Graduated

Career GPA = 75.61%
Year of Graduation: 2019

Secondary Department Grading Scale

Distinction	Special Credit	Credit	Pass	Certificate
90%-100% A- 3.60-4.00	High Competence 80%-84% B+ 3.20-3.39	Moderate Competence 70%-74% B- 2.80-2.99	Minimal Competence 60%-64% C- 2.40-2.59	Below Standard 50%-59% D 2.00-2.39
85%-89% A- 3.40-3.59	75%-79% B 3.00-3.19	65%-69% C+ 2.60-2.79	60%-64% C- 2.40-2.59	0%-49% F 0.00-1.99

Date Printed: 27 August, 2019

Guidance Counsellor



Year of Graduation 2019

EXAMINATION RESULTS AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Bahamas Junior Certificate (Grade 9)

Art & Craft:
General Science: B (2016)
English Language: B (2015)
Mathematics: B (2016)
Health Science: A (2015)
Home Economics:
Religious Studies: A (2015)
Social Studies: C (2016)
Music:
English Literature: D (2016)
French:
Spanish:

City & Guilds Certificate (Grades 10-12)

Word Processing (Elementary): 1st Class Pass
Word Processing (Intermediate):
Spreadsheet Processing (Elementary):
Spreadsheet Processing (Intermediate):
Desktop Publishing (Level 1):

Trinity Music:

Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education (Grades 11-12)

Art & Craft:
Biology:
Accounts:
Chemistry
Combined Science:
Commerce:
Economics:
English Language: C (2019)
Food & Nutrition:
French:

Geography: D (2019)
Graphical Communication:
History:
English Literature:
Mathematics:
Music:
Office Procedures:
Physics: C (2019)
Religious Studies: C (2019)
Spanish: C (2019)

PSAT & SAT SCORES (Grades 10-12)

PSAT CR: 430 Math: 410 W:
SAT I CR: Math: W:
SAT II Subject:

Other Activities, Clubs and Posts of Responsibility

Sports Teams
Basketball

Clubs/Activities

School Band School Choir SW Band


Community Service Hours - 40

Work Study Hours - 32

Awards

Sample Secondary Credentials

BGCSE Certificate




Ministry of Education - The Commonwealth of The Bahamas
in collaboration with
University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate


Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education

This is to certify that the candidate named below sat the Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education examination and reached at least a Grade G in the syllabus(es) named.


Examination of May 2019
[Redacted] of
FOREST HEIGHTS ACADEMY

Syllabus	Grade
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	B (b)
OFFICE PROCEDURES	A (a)
BIOLOGY	C (c)
COMBINED SCIENCE	C (c)
MATHEMATICS	C (c)
HISTORY	C (c)
GEOGRAPHY	A (a)
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	A (a)
ART & DESIGN B	A (a)
SPANISH	E (e)
SYLLABUSES REPORTED: TEN	



Director of Education
Ministry of Education
Examination and Assessment Division, Ministry of Education Bahamas


Vice-Chancellor
University of Cambridge

Candidate's Signature: _____
School No: 1041 Candidate No: [Redacted] Date of Birth: [Redacted] N.I.B.: [Redacted]

 **Cambridge Assessment International Education**

Certificate No: [Redacted]



BAHAMAS GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

BAHAMAS GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (BGCSE)

BGCSE grades A(a), B(b), C(c), D(d), E(e), F(f), and G(g) indicate the standard reached. Grade A(a) being the highest and grade G(g) the lowest. Performances below the standard of grade G(g) are not reported on certificates.

The University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES) confirms that the standard and demand for each grade awarded for BGCSE syllabuses on this certificate indicate performance to an equivalent standard to the corresponding grade awarded for the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) syllabuses offered by UCLES. UCLES further confirms that grades A(a) to E(e) awarded for BGCSE syllabuses indicate performance to an equivalent standard to the corresponding grades for the General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level (GCE O Level) syllabuses offered by UCLES.

PRIVATE CANDIDATES

For private candidates the Centre name is not reported on certificates.

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1. this certificate must be returned to the Ministry of Education when requested by the Ministry of Education;
2. this certificate should be kept in a safe place;
3. the Ministry of Education will not issue a copy of this certificate;
4. any alteration to this certificate invalidates the certificate and the Ministry of Education does not certify any such alterations;
5. use of an altered certificate is a criminal offence and the Ministry of Education may also take civil action for damages caused;
6. ownership of the copyright in the contents and layout of this certificate is and remains the property of UCLES. The ownership of all trademarks shown on it are, and remain, the property of the Ministry of Education or UCLES or their respective owners.

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Sample Secondary Credentials

BGCSE Verification



Ministry of Education
Examination & Assessment Division
Nassau, Bahamas

Your Ref:
Our Ref:
Date: 15th June, 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

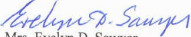
Re:

This letter serves to certify that the above named a former student C.R. Walker Senior High School, located New Providence, The Bahamas, sat The Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (BGCSE), and obtained the following detailed results:

<u>BGCSE 2011</u>	<u>Candidate Number 1924 – 0056</u>
English Language	C (c)
Literature	D (d)
Mathematics	D (d)
Biology	F (f)
Chemistry	E (e)
Physics	F (f)
Geography	C (c)
Spanish	D (d)


The BGCSE examination is a National examination designed for twelfth (12th) grade students in The Bahamas and is usually sat at the end of three (3) years of Senior High School education. It is developed by The Ministry of Education in conjunction with the University of Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate (UCLES), located in Cambridge, England. The BGCSE is accredited by UCLES; and is equivalent to the former London GCE Ordinary level examination, and the current British GCSE and IGCSE examinations.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Evelyn D. Sawyer
Asst. Director of Education
Examination and Assessment Division
for/Permanent Secretary

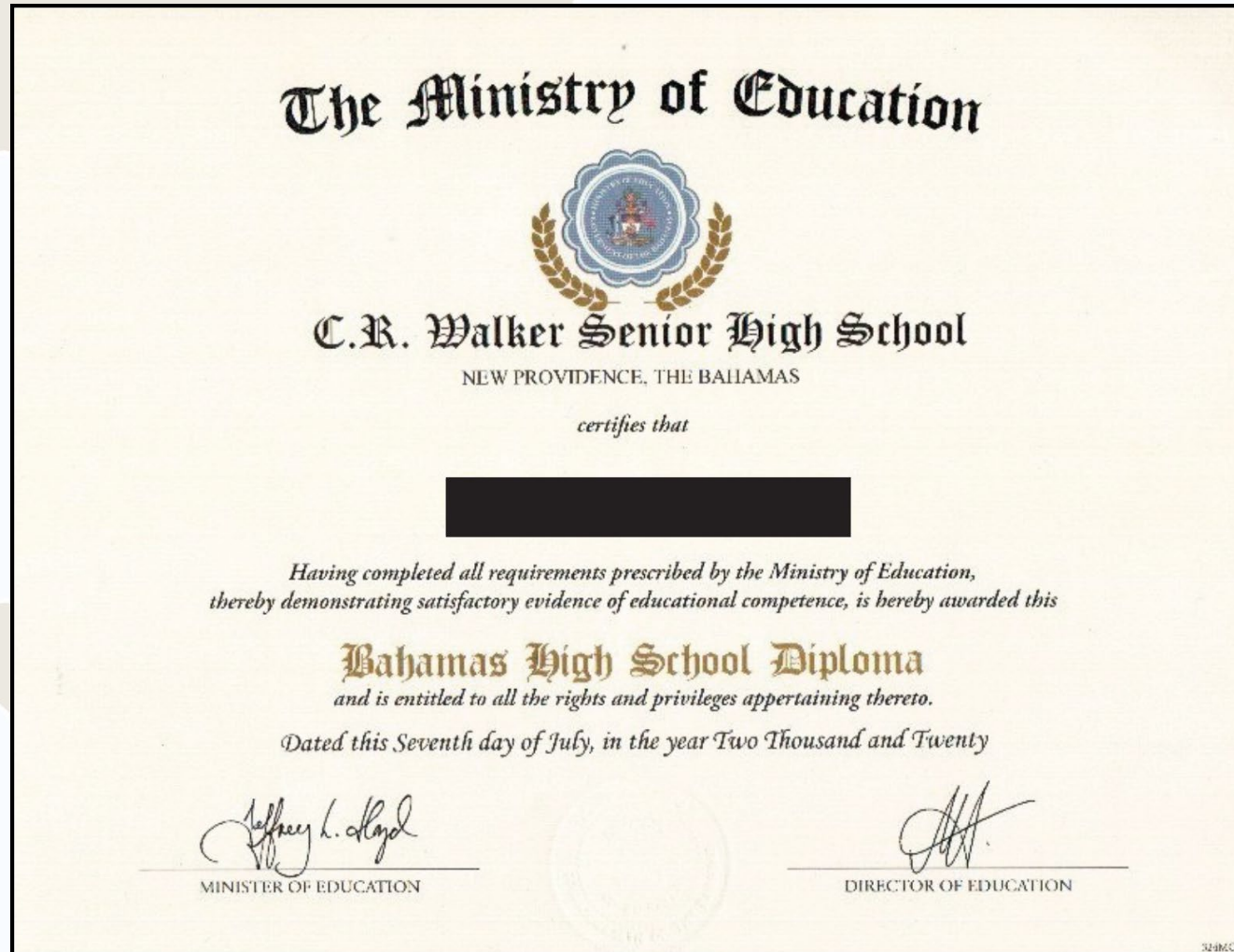
EDS/mjf



P. O. Box N-3913/4 Ph.: (242) 604-3800, Fax: (242) 326-2897
Email: test.ed@batelnet.bs


Sample Secondary Credentials

Bahamas High School Diploma



Sample Secondary Credentials

Bahamas High School Diploma

 **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**
C.R. WALKER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

Last name: [REDACTED] First name: [REDACTED] Middle name: [REDACTED]

Address: Street: [REDACTED] P.O. Box: [REDACTED] Island: New Providence Tel. No.: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: day: [REDACTED] month: [REDACTED] year: [REDACTED] Sex: Female

Parent/Guardian: [REDACTED] / [REDACTED] Occupation: [REDACTED]

School: C.R. Walker Senior High Location: Baillou Hill Road

Date of Entry: September, 2017 Date of Leaving: June, 2020

	Grd 7		Grd 8		Grd 9		Grd 10		Grd 11		Grd 12	
	SG 1	SG 2	SG 1	SG 2	SG 1	SG 2	SG 1	SG 2	SG 1	SG 2	SG 1	SG 2
English Language	C	C	C	C	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
English Literature	C	C	C	C	B	B	B	B	B	B	C	B
Social Studies	C	C	C	C	C	C						
Geography							B	B	B	B	C	B
Civics							B	B	B	A		
Spanish	C	B	C	C	B	B	A	B	B	B	B	C
General Science	C	C	C	C	C	C						
Mathematics	B	B	C	C	B	C	C	C	C	C	C	B
Physics							B	C	B	B	D	C
Religious Studies	B	B	C	C	C	B						
Chemistry							D	C	C	D	F	B
Biology							B	C	C	C	C	D
Music Theory												
Electrical Install.												
Nail Tech.												
Dance												
Physical Education	B	B	B	C	B	C	B	B	B	B	B	A
Family Life	B	B	B	B	C	C						
Pre Allied-Health							D	A	B	B	C	B
Agr.i Science	B	B	B	B	A	A						
Commerce												
G.P.A. Per Term	2.50	2.64	2.30	2.20	2.70	2.70	2.64	2.73	2.73	2.73	2.00	2.70

EXAMINATIONS TAKEN

DATE	EXAM	SUBJECT	RESULT	DATE	EXAM	SUBJECT	RESULT

PERSONAL QUALITIES

Attitude: 1

Work Habits: 1

Social Maturity: 1

Leadership: 1

Reliability: 1

Punctuality: 1

Personal Appearance: 1

Conduct: 1

OFFICES HELD

HONOURS, PRIZES, AWARDS


MEDICAL

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

EDUCATIONAL/VOCATIONAL PLANS

COMMENTS:

[REDACTED] is a recent graduate of the C.R. Walker Senior High School. During her tenure at this school, her academic performance has been above average. She graduated in the top 50% of her graduating class with a cumulative grade point average of 2.59 on a four point scale. [REDACTED] is poised for future academic success, if she continues in the same vane.

 **Principal** 3-Dec-20
Date

Key:
1 - Good
2 - Acceptable
3 - Needs to Improve

C. R. WALKER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
VICE PRINCIPAL

SG = Scholastic Grade - A (90 - 100) B (71 - 89) C (56 - 70) D (45 - 55) F (44 - 0)
E= Effort - A (Excellent) B (Good) C (Average)
D(Below Average) E(Unsatisfactory)

Post-Secondary Education

The Bahamas

General
Certificate of
Education
Advanced
Levels

2 years

Institution: Sixth form college

Admission Requirement:
General Certificate of Education Ordinary Levels
GTE Comparability: Up to 1 year of undergraduate study

Notes: Assign 10 credits for each passed subject.

Associate
Degree

2-3 years

Institution: College or University

Admission Requirement:
Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education

GTE Comparability: XX years of undergraduate study

Bachelor's
Degree

3-4 years

Institution: College or University

Admission Requirement:
Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education

GTE Comparability:
Bachelor's degree

Notes: Associate Degree holders can transfer into upper division.

Diploma

0.5-1 year

Institution: University of the Bahamas

Admission Requirement:
Bachelor's degree

GTE Comparability: Up to 1 year of graduate study

Notes: May be called a Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate, or simply Diploma

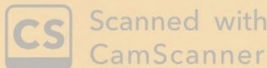
Master's
Degree

1-2 years

Institution: University of the Bahamas or University of the West Indies

Admission Requirement:
Bachelor's degree
GTE Comparability:
Master's degree

Associate Degree



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Associate Degree

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Sample Post-Secondary Credentials

Bachelor's Degree

UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS

Record of: [REDACTED]
Current Name: [REDACTED]

Issued To: Walden University
7080 Samuel Morse Drive
Columbia, MD 21046
United States

Date Issued: 25-SEP-2023
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Student ID: [REDACTED]
Level: Undergraduate

Course Level: Undergraduate
Student Type: Graduated
Only Admit: Fall 2017
Matriculated: Fall 2017

Current Program
Bachelor of Science
Program : BSc Nursing
College : Nursing & Allied Health
Major : Nursing

Degree Awarded Bachelor of Science 29-APR-2022
Hrs: 140.00 GPA-Hrs: 126.00 QPts: 381.50 GPA: 3.03

Primary Degree
Program : BSc Nursing
College : Nursing & Allied Health
Major : Nursing
Inst. Honors: Credit

SUBJ NO.	C	COURSE TITLE	CRED	GRD	PTS
Institution Information continued:					
COUW 100	M	First Year Seminar	1.00	A	4.00
ENGL 119	M	Writing and Rhetoric I	3.00	A	11.25
MATH 140	M	Basic College Mathematics	3.00	C+	7.50
SPAN 104	M	Introductory Spanish II	3.00	B+	10.50
Hrs: 18.00 GPA-Hrs: 18.00 QPts: 55.25 GPA: 3.07					
Dean's List					
No College Designated					
Unclassified					
Continuing Student					
Spring 2018					
No College Designated					
Unclassified					
Continuing Student					
ASTR 242	M	Modern Astronomy: Stars, Galaxies & Cosm	3.00	B+	10.50
BIOL 132	M	Anatomy & Physiology II	4.00	B	12.00
ENGL 120	M	Writing and Rhetoric II	3.00	C	6.00
MATH 163	M	Finite Mathematics	3.00	B-	8.25
NURS 100	M	Basic Principles of Nutrition	2.00	C+	5.00
PSY 105	M	Human Growth and Development	3.00	B-	8.25
Hrs: 18.00 GPA-Hrs: 18.00 QPts: 50.00 GPA: 2.78					
TRANSFER CREDIT ACCEPTED BY THE INSTITUTION:					
University of the Bahamas					
SPAN 103		Introductory Spanish I	3.00	V	
Hrs: 3.00 GPA-Hrs: 0.00 QPts: 0.00 GPA: 0.00					
INSTITUTION CREDIT:					
Fall 2017					
No College Designated					
Unclassified					
Continuing Student					
BIOL 131	M	Anatomy & Physiology I	4.00	C	8.00
CIS 100	M	Computer Literacy	1.00	B-	2.75
COM 150	M	Introduction to Mass Communication	3.00	A-	11.25
Hrs: 17.00 GPA-Hrs: 17.00 QPts: 49.50 GPA: 2.91					
Good Standing					
***** CONTINUED ON NEXT COLUMN *****					
***** CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 *****					

UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS

Record of: [REDACTED]
Current Name: [REDACTED]

Date Issued: 25-SEP-2023
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Student ID: [REDACTED]
Level: Undergraduate

SUBJ NO.	C	COURSE TITLE	CRED	GRD	PTS
Institution Information continued:					
Spring 2019					
Nursing & Allied Health					
Nursing					
Continuing Student					
NURS 208	M	Nursing Principles II Lab	1.00	B+	3.50
NURS 208	M	Nursing Principles II Prac	2.00	A	7.50
NURS 209	M	Adult Nursing I Practicum	4.00	A-	15.00
NURS 214	M	Maternal and Newborn Nlth Prac	2.00	A-	7.50
NURS 208	M	Nursing Principles II	1.00	B-	2.75
NURS 209	M	Adult Nursing I : Theory	5.00	B-	13.75
NURS 214	M	Maternal and Newborn Health	2.00	B-	5.50
Hrs: 17.00 GPA-Hrs: 17.00 QPts: 55.50 GPA: 3.26					
Dean's List					
Good Standing					
Summer 1 2019					
Nursing & Allied Health					
Nursing					
Continuing Student					
NURS 248	M	Integrated Clinical Intern I	6.00	B	18.00
Hrs: 6.00 GPA-Hrs: 6.00 QPts: 18.00 GPA: 3.00					
Good Standing					
Fall 2019					
Nursing & Allied Health					
Nursing					
Continuing Student					
ENGL 300	M	Advanced Composition	3.00	C	6.00
NURS 102	M	Integrated Laboratory	2.00	P	0.00
NURS 232	M	Chd & Adol Nlth Practicum	2.00	B+	7.00
NURS 309	M	Adult Nursing II Practicum	4.00	A-	15.00
NURS 232	M	Chd & Adol Nlth Nurs	2.00	B	6.00
NURS 304	M	Adult Nursing II	3.00	C+	7.50
Hrs: 16.00 GPA-Hrs: 16.00 QPts: 41.50 GPA: 2.96					
Good Standing					
***** CONTINUED ON NEXT COLUMN *****					
***** CONTINUED ON PAGE 3 *****					
Spring 2021					
Nursing & Allied Health					
Nursing					
Continuing Student					
NURS 420	M	Mgmt Ldrshp Nursing Practicum	2.00	B+	7.00
NURS 420	M	Mgmt Ldrshp Nursing Theory	3.00	C+	7.50
PHYS 301	M	Energy Society & Environment	3.00	B	9.00
Hrs: 9.00 GPA-Hrs: 9.00 QPts: 23.50 GPA: 2.94					
Good Standing					

Bachelor's Degree

Not considered official without Seal or Registrar's signature.

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Quality Assurance

National Accreditation and Equivalency Council of the Bahamas



Registration

Minimum requirement for comparability to US regional accreditation



Accreditation

Higher than accreditation; institutional and program accreditation available



Recognition

Required for foreign institutions operating in the Bahamas

What is NAECOB?

Statutory body responsible for registering and accrediting education institutions which offer training in the Bahamas

Established in 2006 and operational in 2007, NAECOB did not begin registration/accreditation/recognition activities until 2017. Prior to this, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology was responsible for education oversight.

Quality Assurance

Primary and Secondary

Public



Ministry of Education, Science & Technology or NAECOB

MOEST maintains a school directory of recognized public primary and secondary schools. NAECOB also maintains a list of registered public primary and secondary schools. Recognition is ***institutional***.

Private



National Accreditation & Equivalency Council of the Bahamas

NAECOB maintains a register of public and private primary and secondary schools. Recognition is ***institutional***.

Quality Assurance

Post-Secondary



PROGRAMMATIC

Only the academic programs listed on the "Institution's Profile" are approved by NAECOB.



PROGRAMMATIC

May or may not be academic in nature; only the academic and training programs listed on the "Institution's Profile" are approved by NAECOB.




INSTITUTIONAL

Must have its home country accreditation first before it will be allowed to register; registration applies to the whole institution

Checking NAECOB Status

BTVI – Associate (IT Management)

<u>Name Of Institution</u> ↑	<u>Location</u> ↑↓	<u>Registration Status</u> ↑↓	<u>Institution's Profile</u> ↑↓
Atlantic College	Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas	REGISTERED	Institution's Profile
Bahamas Community College	Grand Bahama, The Bahamas	REGISTERED	Institution's Profile
Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI)	Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas	REGISTERED	Institution's Profile



NAECOB
NATIONAL ACCREDITATION AND
EQUIVALENCY COUNCIL OF THE BAHAMAS

BAHAMAS TECHNICAL & VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE (BTVI)
 (Registered with NAECOB)

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Approved Academic Programmes Offered at the Institution

Please note that the following programmes are approved to be offered face-to-face / on the ground only.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMME(S)

- Associates in Applied Science
 - Auto Mechanics (Aug. 2017)
 - Business Office Technology (Aug. 2017)
 - Carpentry (Aug. 2017)
 - Electronics Engineering Installers & Repairers (Aug. 2017)
 - General Contractor-Construction (Aug. 2017)
 - Human Resource Management (Nov. 2019)
 - **Information Technology Management (Nov. 2019)**
 - Information Technology Management-Security & Server + (Aug. 2017)
 - Masonry (Aug. 2017)
 - Media Technology Management (Nov. 2019)
 - Network Engineering (Nov. 2019)
 - Office Administration (Aug. 2017)
 - Plumbing (Aug. 2017)
 - Software Engineering (Nov. 2019)

DIPLOMA PROGRAMME(S)

- Auto Mechanics
- Business Office Technology

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College)				
The Bahamas Institute of Business & Technology	Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas	REGISTERED	Institution's Profile	
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Approved Academic Programmes Offered at the Institution

Please note that the programmes are approved to be offered face-to-face /online/hybrid only.

BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMME(S) (Apr. 2018)
** All Existing Programmes **
MASTER DEGREE PROGRAMME(S)
** All Existing Programmes **

Policies and Job Aids

Related to The Bahamas

Country	Education Level	Credential	Required Documentation	Documents Are Required in the Following Languages:	Official Documentation Issued By:	Notes/Exceptions
Bahamas, The	Secondary	Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education (since 1993) OR Bahamas High School Diploma	For BGCSE: Examination Certificate showing subject results For Bahamas HSD: Diploma Transcripts for each year of study completed	English	Bahamas Ministry of Education and Culture (both credentials)	Prior to 1993, students must provide the General Certificate of Education Ordinary Levels (O-Levels). The Bahamas has two different options: the Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education and the Bahamas High School Diploma. The documentation requirements are different depending on what the student completed, so please note the differences. Also, there are many American high school programs in the Bahamas; see United States of America for the documents required.

For students submitting the BGCSE, we cannot use the scores printed on the student's internal high school transcript since the school is not the exam body and cannot attest to the scores.

BHSD documents are issued on MOEST-approved format but may be sent by either the MOEST or the institution attended.

Students at private schools may follow a different national curriculum. If so, look at the documentation requirements for that country.

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Country	Education Level	Required Documentation	Documents Are Required in the Following Languages:	Official Documentation Issued By:	Notes/Exceptions
Bahamas, The	Post-Secondary	Diploma/Degree Certificate Transcript/Grade Report	English	Institution attended	

Diplomas may not be needed, as many Bahamian post-secondary institutions will denote degree conferral on the transcript.

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Evaluation Policy for Evaluating Caribbean Offshore Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Education

Reason for Policy:

At present, the Global Transcript Evaluation Team requires that Caribbean offshore medical schools be accredited by the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions (CAAM-HP) with a status of "Accredited" or "Accredited with Conditions". However, several countries within the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) have agreements with the Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine (ACCM), some of which predate the creation of CAAM-HP, to accredit their medical programs. Additionally, two local entities (*Nederlands-Vlaamse Accreditatieorganisatie* or NVAO [Accreditation Organization of the Netherlands and Flanders and the Grenada Medical and Dental Council]) are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education's National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation as having standards comparable to US accreditation standards. Accepting credentials from Caribbean offshore medical institutions accredited by additional appropriately recognized accrediting bodies will enable Walden University to better serve its applicant pool.

Background

Types of Accreditation for Medically Focused Institutions in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

CAAM-HP	ACCM	Local Accreditation
The Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions	Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Established in 2003An accreditor for medical schools in the Caribbean CommunityFounded by the aegis of CARICOM, so it accredits schools throughout the Caribbean CommunityConsidered equivalent to regional accreditation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Founded in 1994Based in the Republic of Ireland<ul style="list-style-type: none">Does not accredit Irish institutionsIndependent accrediting entity which requires local government/ministry approval prior to beginning the accreditation process in a countryConsidered equivalent to regional accreditation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Many CARICOM countries also have established recognition/accreditation entitiesThese entities may or may not recognize/accredit medically focused institutions.Not considered equivalent to regional accreditation for medically focused institutions in most cases

The [National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation](#) (NCFMEA) is a committee under the U.S. Department of Education responsible for assessing the accreditation standards of non-US medical schools and determining if those accreditation standards are comparable to US accreditation standards (the Liaison Committee on Medical Education or LCME). Non-US schools accredited by NCFMEA-recognized accreditors are eligible to participate in the federal student loan program. NCFMEA currently recognizes four CARICOM accreditors as comparable: CAAM-HP, ACCM, and two local entities (*Nederlands-Vlaamse Accreditatieorganisatie* [Accreditation Organization of the Netherlands and Flanders] or NVAO and the Grenada Medical and Dental Council).

The [Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates](#) provides certification of non-US medical graduates. This certification is required for the [United States Medical Licensing Examination](#) (USMLE) and is typically a requirement for residency/fellowship programs and by US state medical boards for licensure. Beginning in 2024, individuals applying for ECFMG Certification must be a student or graduate of a medical school which is accredited by an agency recognized by the World Federation for Medical

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When to Do a CA Instead of a CBC for US-Patterned Schools Job Aid

Overview:

GTE evaluators do not need to complete a course-by-course evaluation (CBC) for international transcripts which are clearly patterned on US education and use US-style semester credit hours and US-style 4.0-point grading scales. This is most often seen at schools in the Caribbean, but it is occasionally seen in other countries as well. It is very time-consuming to enter in rows of courses, grades, and credits for these schools when our evaluation would not be statistically significantly different from the indigenous credits and grades.

Current Institutions Which Are US-Patterned and Do Not Require a GTE CBC

Country	Institution
Antigua and Barbuda	Antigua and Barbuda International Institute of Technology
	Antigua State College
Bahamas	Bahamas Institute of Business and Technology
	Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute
	Southern College
	The Bahamas Baptist Community College
	University of the Bahamas/College of the Bahamas
Barbados	Barbados Community College
Belize	Saint John's College
	Stann Creek Ecumenical Junior College
	University of Belize
Cayman Islands	International College of the Cayman Islands
	University College of the Cayman Islands
Dominica	Dominica State College
Grenada	T.A. Marryshow Community College
Guyana	University of Guyana
Jamaica	Caribbean Maritime University
	Catholic College of Mandeville
	Church Teachers' College
	College for Leadership and Theological Development
	College of Agriculture, Science and Education (CASE)
	Edna Manley College of Visual and Performing Arts
	G.C. Foster College of Physical Education and Sport
	International University of the Caribbean
	Jamaica Theological Seminary
	Knox Community College
	Mel Nathan College
	Northern Caribbean University
Saint Lucia	The Mico University College
	University of the Commonwealth Caribbean
	University of Technology, Jamaica
Trinidad & Tobago	Sir Arthur Lewis Community College
	College of Science, Technology, and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago
	The University of Trinidad and Tobago
University of the Southern Caribbean	

This list will be reviewed periodically and will be updated as appropriate.

When to Do a CA Instead of a CBC for US-Patterned Schools

Most of the *academic post-secondary institutions in the Bahamas will use US-style credits and grades, but always check the credential before determining if the credential you are evaluating uses US-style credits and a US-style grading scale.*

Please notify Shelby if you find an institution using US-style credits and grades which is not currently listed on this job aid.



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Questions? Comments?

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