

I. INTRODUCTION

The College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) is a comprehensive arts college strategically located in Southeastern Massachusetts. Its facilities are housed on two campuses—one in Dartmouth and the other in downtown New Bedford at the Star Store. The College offers some of the finest arts facilities in the region.

In the fall of 2001, CVPA moved its New Bedford programs into the historic Star Store, built in the late nineteenth century and centrally located in the downtown Arts and Culture District. This beautifully renovated facility includes galleries, a performance hall, state-of-the-art studios, workshops, and classrooms.

CVPA is one of five distinct colleges, which make up the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. The others include: the College of Arts and Sciences, the Charlton College of Business, the College of Engineering, and the College of Nursing.

As such, CVPA is able to offer you all the advantages a larger university has to offer. As a student within the College of Visual and Performing Arts, you will have access to a well-rounded education and be prepared not only for careers in the arts but will also acquire the tools to pursue many other career options.

UMass Dartmouth is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, the national accrediting body for the visual arts.