Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC)

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PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

2020-2021

Accreditor types: Institutional
Recognition Status: Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education

Range of Accreditation Activity: ACCJC accredits institutions in the United States, its territories and affiliates, with a primary mission of granting associate degrees; institutions accredited by ACCJC may also award certificates and other credentials, including bachelor’s degrees, if those credentials are within the institution’s mission and authorized by their governmental authorities. ACCJC may also accredit non-domestic institutions, which have as a primary mission, the granting of associate degrees. (2021)

International Accreditation Activity: n/a
Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S. n/a
U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S. No
Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S. n/a

Sponsoring Organization: n/a

Composition of Decision-Making Body:
The Commission consists of nineteen members, all of whom are elected by the member institutions. At least 5 Commissioners shall bring faculty experience and may be a current faculty member, dean, student service staff, librarian, or other academic reflecting the diversity of the region and/or institutional membership. At least 3 of the five shall be current faculty members at the time of their election to the Commission. At least 3 Commissioners shall be representatives of the public, the precise number of whom shall at all times represent at least one seventh of the total membership of the Commission. At least 3 Commissioners shall bring administrative experience and shall be current chief executive officers in a 2-year college or district at the time of their election to the Commission. At least 1 Commissioner shall have expertise in higher education finance. At least 1 Commissioner shall have expertise as a chief instructional officer. At least 1 Commissioner shall be from an independent (not state-sponsored) institution. At least one (1) Commissioner shall be from a secondary educational institution accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Schools (ACS), Western Association of Schools and Colleges and nominated by that Commission. At least one (1) Commissioner shall be from a four-year college or university accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) and nominated by that Commission. At least one (1) Commissioner shall be from an ACCJC accredited institution in the Pacific Islands and nominated by the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC). One (1) Commissioner shall be nominated by the system office of the University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges. One (1) Commissioner shall be nominated by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office.

3,993,000 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only
n/a Direct support from any sponsoring organization
n/a In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employees: 9 Full-time 1 Part-time
Volunteers: 172 – served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS

2020-2021

136 Accredited U.S and non-U.S. Institutions

136 Degree-Granting: n/a Non-Degree-Granting:
126 Public n/a Public
7 Private Nonprofit n/a Private Nonprofit
2 Private For-Profit n/a Private For-Profit

1,405,550 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

2020-2021

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: Comprehensive reviews - every 7 years. Midterm reviews - every 4 years

Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: Every 10 years.

Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

3 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted
0 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied
2 Initial Accreditation Granted
0 Initial Accreditation Denied
14 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review
17 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up

1 Notice or Warning
4 Probation
0 Show Cause
0 Accreditation Terminated or Removed
0 Actions under Appeal
0 Other

Summary of Additional Actions
21 Substantive Changes Reviewed

20 Site Visits

1 Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation