Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC)

Executive Director: Michale S. McComis, Ed.D
2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 302, Arlington, VA 22201
Phone: 703-247-4212 • Fax: 703-247-4533 • info@accsc.org
• http://www.accsc.org/

PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION
2020-2021

Accreditor types: Institutional
Recognition Status: Recognized by the U.S. Department of Education
Range of Accreditation Activity: Postsecondary degree and non-degree-granting institutions primarily occupational or technical in nature in the United States and Puerto Rico.
International Accreditation Activity:
No Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
Yes U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
Sponsoring Organization: None
Composition of Decision-Making Body:
13-member board composed of 4 public representatives and 9 member-school representatives.
Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only: 7,500,000
Direct support from any sponsoring organization: 0
In-kind support from any sponsoring organization: 0
Employees: 29 Full-time 0 Part-time
Volunteers: 300 – served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS
2020-2021

608 Accredited U.S and non-U.S. Institutions
608 Degree-Granting:
  0 Non-Degree-Granting:
    3 Public
    59 Private Nonprofit
    546 Private For-Profit

163,520 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES
2020-2021

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: Initial Accreditation: 3 years; Renewal of Accreditation: 5 years
Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: Standards reviewed as a whole every five years; individual standards and policies reviewed as needed during quarterly Standards Committee meetings.
Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

0 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted
  0 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied
  1 Initial Accreditation Denied
  29 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review
  57 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up

18 Notice or Warning
  3 Probation
n/a Show Cause
  5 Accreditation Terminated or Removed
  4 Actions under Appeal
n/a Other

Summary of Additional Actions

1,356 Substantive Changes Reviewed

302 Site Visits

16 Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation