



Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

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PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

2020-2021

Accreditor types: Programmatic

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

Range of Accreditation Activity: The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) supports the interests of nursing education, nursing practice, and the public by the functions of accreditation. The purpose of the ACEN is to provide specialized accreditation for all levels of nursing education and transition-to-practice programs located in the United States, U.S. Territories, and internationally. The ACEN accredits all types of nursing education programs, including clinical doctorate/DNP specialist certificate, master's/post-master's certificate, baccalaureate, associate, diploma, and practical nursing programs. The ACEN accredits nursing education programs in secondary, postsecondary, and hospital-based governing organizations that offer certificates, diplomas, or degrees. The ACEN serves as a Title IV-HEA Gatekeeper for all types of nursing education programs offered by certain institutions that are eligible to participate in financial aid programs administered by the United States Department of Education or other federal agencies. The ACEN accredits non-credit transition-to-practice programs for all levels of nursing practice. The ACEN accredits non-credit transition-to-practice programs offered by academic institutions (e.g., university, college, career center) and/or healthcare agencies (e.g., hospitals, long-term care, etc.).

International Accreditation Activity:

12 Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.

0 U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.

No Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S.

Sponsoring Organization: None.

Composition of Decision-Making Body:

A total of 17 Commissioners of which 11 represent nursing education, 3 represent nursing service, and 3 represent the public.

6,600,000 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

0 Direct support from any sponsoring organization

0 In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employees: 25 Full-time **0** Part-time

Volunteers: 750 - served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

2020-2021

1,311 Accredited U.S and non-U.S. Programs

1,311 Degree-Granting:

n/a Public

n/a Private Nonprofit

n/a Private For-Profit

n/a Non-Degree-Granting:

n/a Public

n/a Private Nonprofit

n/a Private For-Profit

n/a Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

2020-2021

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: first continuing comprehensive review is 5 years after initial accreditation is granted and then every 8 years thereafter

Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: Routinely every 5 years unless analysis of annual data indicates the need to conduct review process sooner

Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

43 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted

n/a Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied

41 Initial Accreditation Granted

2 Initial Accreditation Denied

112 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review

39 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up

n/a Notice or Warning

8 Probation

n/a Show Cause

0 Accreditation Terminated or Removed

0 Actions under Appeal

n/a Other

Summary of Additional Actions

588 Substantive Changes Reviewed

