American Culinary Federation Education Foundation, Inc.,
Accrediting Commission (ACFEF-AC)

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PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

Accreditor types: Programmatic
Recognition Status: Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation

Range of Accreditation Activity: The ACFEF Accrediting Commission extends its services both within the United States and to international programs which award Post-Secondary certificates, diplomas, Associate degrees in the culinary arts or baking and pastry arts and Bachelor degrees in foodservice management at accredited institutions. Where accreditation in a country is not otherwise available, the institution must have the approval of the government agency responsible for oversight of the institution.

International Accreditation Activity:
10 U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
n/a Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S.

Sponsoring Organization: American Culinary Federation Education Foundation, Inc. is a Not-For-Profit 501(c)(3) organization affiliated with the American Culinary Federation.

Composition of Decision-Making Body:
The ACFEF Accrediting Commission is composed of 13 members: (3) executive committee: chair, chair-elect, past chair; (6) postsecondary educators; (3) industry representatives; (1) public member

500,000 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

Employees: 2 Full-time 1 Part-time
Volunteers: 139 - served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

431 Accredited U.S and non-U.S. Programs

431 Degree-Granting:
377 Public
16 Private Nonprofit
38 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

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: Every 5 years.

Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

n/a Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted
n/a Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied
3 Initial Accreditation Granted
0 Initial Accreditation Denied
80 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review
5 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up

Summary of Additional Actions
0 Substantive Changes Reviewed
41 Site Visits
0 Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation

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