



Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE)

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PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

2022 - 2023

Accreditor types: Programmatic

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

Range of Accreditation Activity: Professional optometric degree programs (doctoral level), optometric technician programs (certificate level), and optometric residency programs (postdoctoral level) in the United States and Canada.

International Accreditation Activity:

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

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

Yes Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S.

Non-US Program and Institution Countries

Canada

Sponsoring Organization: American Optometric Association

Composition of Decision-Making Body:

A 13-member Council comprised of 4 practitioners; 2 who were members of an active member Board of the Association of the Regulatory Boards of Optometry at the time of appointment; 4 educators nominated by the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, where 2 of the 4 having expertise in optometric residency education; 2 public members; and 1 optometric technician member.

862,394 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

56,558 Direct support from any sponsoring organization

0 In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employees: 5 Full-time **0** Part-time

Volunteers: 22 – served 2022 - 2023

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS

2022 - 2023

26 Accredited U.S. and non-U.S. Institutions and Programs

24 Total U.S. Degree-Granting

9 Public

14 Private Nonprofit

1 Private For-Profit

0 Total U.S. Non-Degree-Granting

0 Public

0 Private Nonprofit

0 Private For-Profit

7,771 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

2022 - 2023

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: 8

Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: 5

Summary of Formal Actions 2022 - 2023

1 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted

0 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied

0 Initial Accreditation Granted

0 Initial Accreditation Denied

0 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review

6 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up

0 Notice or Warning

1 Probation

0 Show Cause

0 Accreditation Terminated or Removed

0 Actions under Appeal

0 Other

Summary of Additional Actions

4 Substantive Changes Reviewed

8 Site Visits

0 Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation