



Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE)

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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: Professional optometric degree programs (doctoral level), optometric technician programs (certificate level), and optometric residency programs (postdoctoral level) in the United States and Canada. [Only professional optometric degree programs (doctoral level) are in the ACOE's scope of recognition by CHEA. Data provided below related to number of programs is limited to professional optometric degree programs.]

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.

Program Countries

Canada

Sponsoring Organization: American Optometric Association

Composition of Decision-Making Body:

An eleven-member Council comprised of three practitioners; three educators nominated by the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, one of whom with residency experience; two members who were members of the Association of the Regulatory Boards of Optometry at the time of appointment, two public members, and one optometric technician member.

842,495 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

182,897 Direct support from any sponsoring organization

n/a In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

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

Volunteers: 19 – served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

2020-2021

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

25 Degree-Granting:

11 Public

14 Private Nonprofit

0 Private For-Profit

n/a Non-Degree-Granting:

n/a Public

0 Private Nonprofit

0 Private For-Profit

7,488 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

2020-2021

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: At least every 8 years.

Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: At least every 5 years.

Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

0 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted

0 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied

2 Initial Accreditation Granted

0 Initial Accreditation Denied

0 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review

0 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up

0 Notice or Warning

0 Probation

0 Show Cause

0 Accreditation Terminated or Removed

0 Actions under Appeal

0 Other

Summary of Additional Actions

4 Substantive Changes Reviewed

3 Site Visits

0 Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation