American Library Association, Committee on Accreditation (ALA-CoA)

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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: Accredits master’s programs in library and information studies offered under the degree-granting authority of institutions in the United States, its territories, possessions, and protectorates; in Canada by agreement with the Canadian Federation of Library Associations/Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB); and in the United Kingdom.

International Accreditation Activity:
- 5 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: American Library Association
Composition of Decision-Making Body:
12 members: 2 public, 5 faculty, 5 practitioners

225,285 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only
139,566 Direct support from any sponsoring organization
0 In-kind support from any sponsoring organization
Employees: 2 Full-time n/a Part-time
Volunteers: 65 – served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

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

Degree-Granting:
- 68 Public
- 12 Private Nonprofit
- 0 Private For-Profit

Non-Degree-Granting:
- 0 Public
- 0 Private Nonprofit
- 0 Private For-Profit

19,994 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: Every-7-year comprehensive with biennial narrative report update addressing every standard or a Special Report on issues

Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: Continuous review with Standards revision taken to ALA Council for adoption every 10-years

Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

- 2 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted
- 0 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied
- 1 Initial Accreditation Granted
- 0 Initial Accreditation Denied
- 8 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review
- 1 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up
- 1 Notice or Warning
- 0 Probation
- 0 Show Cause
- 0 Accreditation Terminated or Removed
- 0 Actions under Appeal
- 1 Other

Summary of Additional Actions

- 0 Substantive Changes Reviewed
- 9 Site Visits
- n/a Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation

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