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

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PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

2020-2021

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

2020-2021

Degree-Granting:
56 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

2020-2021

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