



Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA)

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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: Programs preparing individuals for entry into physician assistant practice located in institutions in the United States that are accredited by recognized regional accrediting bodies. ARC-PA accredited programs are located in institutions offering, associate, baccalaureate or masters degrees in conjunction with the PA credential award. (2015)

International Accreditation Activity:

0 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: Collaborating Organizations: American Academy of Physician Associates, Physician Assistant Education Association, American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Physicians, American College of Surgeons, and the American Medical Association.

Composition of Decision-Making Body:

The Commission shall be composed of Commissioners who may be nominated by collaborating organizations as follows:

American Academy of Family Physicians NOT MORE THAN 2

American Academy of Pediatrics NOT MORE THAN 2

American Academy of Physician Assistants NOT MORE THAN 4

American College of Physicians NOT MORE THAN 2

American College of Surgeons NOT MORE THAN 2

American Medical Association NOT MORE THAN 2

Physician Assistant Education Association NOT MORE THAN 4

Public Commissioners NOT MORE THAN 3

Institutional Dean NOT MORE THAN 1

At-large commissioners NOT MORE THAN 8

4,149,346 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

0 Direct support from any sponsoring organization

0 In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employees: 22 Full-time **0** Part-time

Volunteers: 100 – served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS

2020-2021

248 Accredited U.S and non-U.S. Institutions

248 Degree-Granting:

n/a Public

n/a Private Nonprofit

n/a Private For-Profit

n/a Non-Degree-Granting:

n/a Public

n/a Private Nonprofit

n/a Private For-Profit

29,682 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

2020-2021

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

277 Degree-Granting:

87 Public

178 Private Nonprofit

12 Private For-Profit

n/a Non-Degree-Granting:

n/a Public

n/a Private Nonprofit

n/a Private For-Profit

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PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: Every 10 years; follow-up as needed

Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: Every 10 years.

Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

0	Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted	0	Notice or Warning
0	Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied	8	Probation
20	Initial Accreditation Granted	0	Show Cause
6	Initial Accreditation Denied	4	Accreditation Terminated or Removed
14	Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review	8	Actions under Appeal
14	Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up	3	Other

Summary of Additional Actions

0	Substantive Changes Reviewed
67	Site Visits
3	Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation