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

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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: 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.


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

Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only
4,149,346
Direct support from any sponsoring organization
0
In-kind support from any sponsoring organization
0

Employees: 22 Full-time 0 Part-time
Volunteers: 100 – served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS

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

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

29,682 Students
**2020-2021**

**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

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