



Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)

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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 certificate, diploma, associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs in the following disciplines: advanced cardiovascular sonographer, anesthesia technologist, anesthesiologist assistant, art therapist, assistive technology practitioners, cardiovascular technologist, clinical research professionals, cytotechnologist, diagnostic medical sonographer, emergency medical services-paramedic, exercise science professional, kinesiotherapist, lactation consultant, medical assistant, medical illustrator, neurodiagnostic technologist, orthotist and prosthetist, perfusionist, polysomnographic technologist, recreational therapist, specialist in blood bank technology, surgical assistant and surgical technologist. CAAHEP accredits programs in the United States and internationally. (2020)

International Accreditation Activity:

6 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.

Program Countries

Canada
China
New Zealand
Saudi Arabia

Sponsoring Organization: 65 sponsoring organizations

Composition of Decision-Making Body:

11 member board of directors composed of commissioners from sponsoring organizations, educational programs, committees on accreditation, at-large education representatives, and the public.

1,111,800 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

195,000 Direct support from any sponsoring organization

n/a In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employees: 5 Full-time **1** Part-time

Volunteers: 930 – served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

2020-2021

2,241 Accredited U.S. and non-U.S. Programs

1,424 Degree-Granting:

1,101 Public

211 Private Nonprofit

112 Private For-Profit

817 Non-Degree-Granting:

559 Public

159 Private Nonprofit

99 Private For-Profit

46,000 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

2020-2021

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: Every 5 to 10 years (it varies by profession)

Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: At least once every 10 years (more frequently as needed)

Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

n/a Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted

n/a Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied

53 Initial Accreditation Granted

1 Initial Accreditation Denied

137 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review

45 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up

n/a Notice or Warning

11 Probation

n/a Show Cause

1 Accreditation Terminated or Removed

0 Actions under Appeal

1 Other

Summary of Additional Actions

4 Substantive Changes Reviewed

188 Site Visits

49 Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation
