Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA)

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PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

Accreditor types: Programmatic
Recognition Status: Recognized by the U.S. Department of Education
Range of Accreditation Activity: Accreditation of postsecondary, non-degree-granting English language programs and institutions in the United States and internationally
International Accreditation Activity:
32 Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
0 U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
n/a Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S.

Program Countries
Colombia Mexico Turkey
Egypt Morocco
Greece Peru
Iraq Qatar
Kuwait Saudi Arabia

Sponsoring Organization: None.
Composition of Decision-Making Body:
11 elected members; 2 public members

1,544,000 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only
0 Direct support from any sponsoring organization
0 In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employee: 6 Full-time 6 Part-time
Volunteers: 113 – served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

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

2020-2021

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

351 Non-Degree-Granting:
101 Public
34 Private Nonprofit
184 Private For-Profit

160,891 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: Term of initial accreditation 5 years / Term of reaccreditation 10 years
Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: Subset of standards reviewed annually on a 3 year cycle. Standards as a whole reviewed every 10 years.

Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

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

Summary of Additional Actions
102 Substantive Changes Reviewed
95 Site Visits
41 Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation

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