Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (COA)

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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: The Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (COA) accredits two-year Opticianry degree programs in the United States that are sponsored by post-secondary institutions accredited by agencies recognized by the Department of Education or CHEA. (2019)

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: n/a
Composition of Decision-Making Body:
- 11 volunteers: 4 appointed from the NAO, 4 appointed from the OAA, 2 appointed from NFOS and 1 public member.

44,000 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only
n/a Direct support from any sponsoring organization
n/a In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employees: n/a Full-time 1 Part-time
Volunteers: 18 - served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

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

2020-2021

17 Degree-Granting:
- 16 Public
- 1 Private Nonprofit
n/a Private For-Profit

2 Non-Degree-Granting:
- 2 Public
n/a Private Nonprofit
n/a Private For-Profit

401 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: Comprehensive reviews are every 6 years, with required follow-up each year

Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: Standards are reviewed every 6 years.

Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

1 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted
0 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied
1 Initial Accreditation Granted
0 Initial Accreditation Denied
0 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review
0 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
0 Other

Summary of Additional Actions
0 Substantive Changes Reviewed
0 Site Visits
0 Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation