



Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (COA)

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PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

2022 - 2023

Accreditor types: Programmatic

Recognition Status: Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation

Range of Accreditation Activity: The Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (COA) accredits 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 National Academy of Opticianry, 4 appointed from the Opticians Association of America, 2 appointed from the National Federation of Opticianry Schools and 1 public member.

41,079 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

2,000 Direct support from any sponsoring organization

7,000 In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employees: **0** Full-time **2** Part-time

Volunteers: **17** – served 2022 - 2023

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS

2022 - 2023

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

17 Total U.S. Degree-Granting

16 Public

1 Private Nonprofit

0 Private For-Profit

2 Total U.S. Non-Degree-Granting

2 Public

0 Private Nonprofit

0 Private For-Profit

635 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

2022 - 2023

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: 6

Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: 5

Summary of Formal Actions 2022 - 2023

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| 1 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted | 0 Notice or Warning |
| 0 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied | 0 Probation |
| 1 Initial Accreditation Granted | 0 Show Cause |
| 0 Initial Accreditation Denied | 0 Accreditation Terminated or Removed |
| 3 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review | 0 Actions under Appeal |
| 1 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up | 0 Other |

Summary of Additional Actions

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