



Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (COA)

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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: 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

2020-2021

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

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

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

401 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

2020-2021

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

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| 1 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted | 1 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 |
| 0 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review | 0 Actions under Appeal |
| 0 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up | 0 Other |

Summary of Additional Actions

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