Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC)

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**PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION**

**2020-2021**

Accreditor types: Institutional

Recognition Status: Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education

Range of Accreditation Activity: The accreditation of higher learning institutions in the United States and international locations that offer programs of study that are delivered primarily by distance (51 percent or more) and award credentials at the associate, baccalaureate, master's, first professional and professional doctoral degree level.

International Accreditation Activity:
- 10 Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
- 15 U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
- No Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S.

Program Countries
- Vietnam
- India
- United Arab Emirates
- China
- United Kingdom
- South Korea
- Taiwan
- Japan
- Thailand
- Israel
- Botswana

Sponsoring Organization: n/a

Composition of Decision-Making Body:
- Five Institution Representatives and Five Public Representatives

3,098,506 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

0 Direct support from any sponsoring organization

0 In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employees: 8 Full-time 6 Part-time
Volunteers: 200 – served 2020-2021

**PROFILE OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS**

**2020-2021**

86 Accredited U.S and non-U.S. Institutions

86 Degree-Granting:
- 0 Public
- 17 Private Nonprofit
- 69 Private For-Profit

3 Non-Degree-Granting:
- 0 Public
- 3 Private For-Profit

897,645 Students

**PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES**

**2020-2021**

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: After initial accreditation, 3 years; thereafter comprehensive review and visit every 5 years; required annual report. Commission may require additional visits and/or reports as needed.

Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: Every 5 years.

Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

- n/a Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted
- n/a Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied
- 1 Initial Accreditation Granted
- 1 Initial Accreditation Denied
- 19 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review
- 2 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up

Summary of Additional Actions

- 36 Substantive Changes Reviewed
- 38 Site Visits
- 6 Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation

- n/a Notice or Warning
- n/a Probation
- 1 Show Cause
- 1 Accreditation Terminated or Removed
- 1 Actions under Appeal
- 0 Other