Higher Learning Commission (HLC)

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PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

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 and pre-accreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of degree-granting institutions of higher education, including the tribal institutions and the accreditation of programs offered via distance education and correspondence courses within these institutions.

International Accreditation Activity:

0 Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.

119 U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.

No Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S.

Program Countries

- China
- South Korea
- Germany
- Spain
- Vietnam
- Poland
- Netherlands
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Russia
- Qatar
- Arab
- India
- Kazakhstan
- Austria
- Brazil
- Taiwan

Sponsoring Organization: n/a

Composition of Decision-Making Body:

16 member board, comprised of 13 institutional representatives and 3 public members

Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only:

11,782,320

Direct support from any sponsoring organization: n/a

In-kind support from any sponsoring organization: n/a

Employees: 54 Full-time 0 Part-time

Volunteers: 1,233 served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS

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

963 Degree-Granting:

514 Public

425 Private Nonprofit

24 Private For-Profit

0 Non-Degree-Granting:

0 Public

0 Private Nonprofit

0 Private For-Profit

4,977,819 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: At least every 10 years.

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

Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

- Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted: 0
- Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied: 0
- Initial Accreditation Granted: 3
- Initial Accreditation Denied: 0
- Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review: 51
- Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up: 48
- Notice or Warning: 0
- Probation: 3
- Show Cause: 0
- Accreditation Terminated or Removed: 0
- Actions under Appeal: 0
- Other: 0

Summary of Additional Actions

- Substantive Changes Reviewed: 518
- Site Visits: 145
- Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation: 3