Higher Learning Commission (HLC)

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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 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
India
Kazakhstan
Qatar
Austria
Brazil
Uzbekistan
Sweden
Panama
Russia
Kenya
France
United Kingdom
United States

Sponsoring Organization: n/a
Compostion of Decision-Making Body:
16 member board, comprised of 13 institutional representatives and 3 public members
11,782,320 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only
n/a Direct support from any sponsoring organization
n/a In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employees: 54 Full-time 0 Part-time
Volunteers: 1,233 - served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS

2020-2021

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

2020-2021

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

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

Summary of Additional Actions

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