National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)

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PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

Accreditor types: Programmatic

Recognition Status: Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation

Range of Accreditation Activity: NAACLS independently accredits educational programs at the associate, pre-baccalaureate (certificate), baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate (certificate), master's and doctoral degree levels in the United States and internationally for the following professions: medical laboratory science, medical laboratory technician, pathologist assistant, diagnostic molecular scientist, histotechnologist, histotechnician, cytogenetic technologist, doctorate of clinical laboratory science, medical laboratory assistant, and phlebotomy.

International Accreditation Activity:

5 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.

Program Countries

Canada
Puerto Rico
Qatar

Sponsoring Organization: NAACLS has two sponsoring organizations - American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS) and American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) - and three participating organizations - Association of Genetic Technologists (AGT), National Histotechnology Society (NHS), and American Association of Pathologist Assistants (AAPA).

Composition of Decision-Making Body:
The NAACLS Board of Directors membership is comprised of 12 elected members and the agency CEO (nonvoting). Of the 12 elected members, there are 3 each from NAACLS’ 2 sponsoring organizations, 1 each from NAACLS’ 3 participating organizations, 1 4-year education institution administrator, 1 2-year education institution administrator, and 1 public member.

1,732,000 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

55,000 Direct support from any sponsoring organization

0 In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employees: 9 Full-time n/a Part-time

Volunteers: 243 – served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

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

n/a Degree-Granting: n/a Non-Degree-Granting:
n/a Public n/a Public
n/a Private Nonprofit n/a Private Nonprofit
n/a Private For-Profit n/a Private For-Profit

17,046 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: Maximum 10 years.

Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: Up to 10 years.

Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

28 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted
0 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied
28 Initial Accreditation Granted
0 Initial Accreditation Denied
134 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review
23 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up

0 Notice or Warning
0 Probation
0 Show Cause
0 Accreditation Terminated or Removed
0 Actions under Appeal
0 Other

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