Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS)

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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: PCSAS accredits only doctoral programs that grant Ph.D. degrees in clinical psychology with a core focus on the specialty of psychological clinical science and that are housed in psychology departments or equivalent clinical science departments within accredited, nonprofit, research-intensive universities in the U.S. and Canada.

International Accreditation Activity:
1 Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
0 U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
Yes Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S.

Program Countries
Canada

Sponsoring Organization: PCSAS is an independent, nonprofit organization and is an autonomous entity. However, PCSAS board members are appointed by the Executive Committee of the Academy of Psychological Clinical Science (APCS), the parent body that authorized the creation of PCSAS. PCSAS has no formal relationship with any other organization.

Composition of Decision-Making Body:
PCSAS is overseen by a 9-member board of directors composed of five clinical scientists, one public representative, one current or recent psychological clinical science graduate student, one chair of a psychology department with a psychological clinical science program, and one non-clinical psychological scientist.

211,484 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only
10,000 Direct support from any sponsoring organization
0 In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employees: n/a Full-time 1 Part-time
Volunteers: 25 - served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS
2020-2021
43 Accredited U.S and non-U.S. Institutions

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

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

1,172 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS
2020-2021
43 Accredited U.S and non-U.S. Programs

Degree-Granting:
33 Public
10 Private Nonprofit
0 Private For-Profit

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

1,172 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES
2020-2021

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: Accreditation is normally for 10 years with a required annual data submission that could lead to additional review.


Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021
2 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted
0 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied
1 Initial Accreditation Granted
0 Initial Accreditation Denied
7 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review
0 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

Summary of Additional Actions
0 Substantive Changes Reviewed
8 Site Visits
0 Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation