

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION OF PARKS, RECREATION, TOURISM AND RELATED PROFESSIONS (COAPRT)

In accordance with the [2021 CHEA Standards and Procedures for Recognition](#), Procedures-B.11, this summary provides the reason(s) for the recognition decision by the CHEA Board of Directors.

Profile of Accrediting Organization

Type of Accreditor: Programmatic

Number of Programs: 85

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

The Council on Accreditation for Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions accredits undergraduate higher education curricula related to parks, recreation, tourism and related specialization professions. Its geographic scope encompasses the United States, its territories, Canada, and Mexico (2019).

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Recognized by CHEA in January 2003
Recognition for up to 10 years with a report, April 2014

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, September 30, 2024

Decision: The CHEA Board of Directors awarded continuing CHEA-Recognition for a term of seven years with a Follow-up Report due April 1, 2025, and an Interim Report due at the midpoint of the recognition term (April 1, 2028). The Follow-up Report is to address Standard 2.B. which requires the accrediting organization to implement and uphold standards, policies, or procedures that require accredited institutions and programs to provide current, readily accessible, accurate data to the public regarding student learning outcomes and/or achievement data, Standard 2.D. which requires the accrediting organization to implement and uphold standards, policies, or procedures that require the accrediting organization to take timely action to prevent substantially underperforming institutions or programs from maintaining accreditation and Standard 3.D. which requires an accrediting organization to demonstrate that it requires an institution or program to meet all standards within a specified period of time not to exceed four years.

Summary of Prior Recognition Decisions

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, April 28-29, 2014: The CHEA Board of Directors awarded recognition for the maximum term of 10 years. The CHEA recognition policy requires that an accrediting organization undergo a recognition review at least every 10 years and submit two interim reports.

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT). The review was based on the six CHEA recognition standards that require an accrediting organization to show that its accreditation process advances academic quality, demonstrates accountability, encourages self-scrutiny and planning, employs fair and appropriate procedures and demonstrates ongoing review of practice, and that it possesses sufficient resources to carry out its accreditation processes (2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 5-8).

COAPRT demonstrated that it meets these standards and that its accreditation process is consistent with the quality, improvement and accountability expectations that CHEA has established.

Additional Determination: COAPRT is required to provide a report describing completion of implementation of the CHEA Recognition Standard 12(B)(1) that accredited programs are directly providing program-level student achievement data to the public (Paragraph 12 (B)(1), *2010 CHEA Policy and Procedures*).

Profile, scope and recognition information as of October 3, 2024