

CHEA Member Services

Serving Member Institutions

WORKING WITH MEMBERS

- The **CHEA Initiative** is a new and innovative approach to leading a national discussion of the future of accreditation, its role and relationship with government and the public.
- The CHEA **CEO/CAO Project** is a multi-year initiative of surveys, interviews and roundtable discussions, keeping abreast of presidents' needs relating to accreditation.
- CHEA, on behalf of its members, undertakes periodic scrutiny or **recognition of accreditation organizations** based on quality standards approved by the CHEA Board of Directors.
- CHEA is a vigorous **advocate for accreditation** through its government relations function, representing to the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Department of Education and the states the interests of member institutions in matters related to self-regulation, accreditation and quality assurance.
- CHEA provides **a major national forum for accreditation deliberations**, bringing together institutions, accrediting organizations and policy leaders in conferences and workshops to address emerging and challenging accreditation-related issues in higher education.
- The **CHEA Award** provides annual national recognition to institutions for outstanding institutional practice in student learning outcomes.
- The **Higher Education Transfer Alliance (HETA)** seeks to ease transfer among institutions by assuring that accredited status is not a barrier.
- CHEA has become a key source of information to the international community for comprehensive information about U.S. accreditation and, through the annual CHEA **International Seminar**, provides a major U.S. forum for international issues related to accreditation and quality assurance.
- CHEA serves its member institutions through its **Mediation Service**, working with institutions and CHEA-recognized accreditors to attempt to resolve disputes.

INFORMING MEMBERS

- **Inside Accreditation**, an e-mail publication from the CHEA president to member presidents and the public, offers analysis and commentary on key accreditation and higher education issues.
- **CHEA Federal Update** provides information on federal policy developments affecting accreditation, self-regulation and peer review.
- **CHEAmail** is an ongoing electronic communication with CHEA members to learn of their interests and priorities and to provide valuable current information on important accreditation-related developments, CHEA publications, conferences and workshops.

A national advocate and institutional voice for self-regulation of academic quality through accreditation, CHEA is an association of 3,000 degree-granting colleges and universities and recognizes 59 institutional and programmatic accrediting organizations.

INFORMING THE PUBLIC

- The CHEA *Database of Institutions and Programs Accredited by Recognized United States Accrediting Organizations* is the largest and most comprehensive Web-based compilation in the nation, with information on the accredited status of 7,700 institutions and over 18,700 programs, and how to contact them.
- The CHEA Web-based *Important Questions about Accreditation, Degree Mills and Accreditation Mills* is a valuable resource for students, families, employers and the public to learn more about degree mills and accreditation mills.
- The CHEA *International Directory* provides contact information on quality assurance and accreditation bodies as well as ministries of education throughout the world.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- CHEA provides a range of occasional papers, fact sheets, monographs and CHEA Chronicles through the CHEA *Institute for Research and Study of Accreditation and Quality Assurance*.
- The CHEA *Almanac of External Quality Review*, published biannually, is a comprehensive source of information about the role of accreditation in the United States, including the range and activities of accrediting organizations.

Additional Benefits to Member Institutions

- Conference and workshop participants from CHEA member institutions receive a discount on all registration fees. Two or more persons from the same institution receive additional cost savings.
- CHEA member institutions receive a free copy of all CHEA publications, including the 2009 CHEA *Almanac of External Quality Review*. Members also receive discounts when ordering additional copies of any CHEA publication.

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