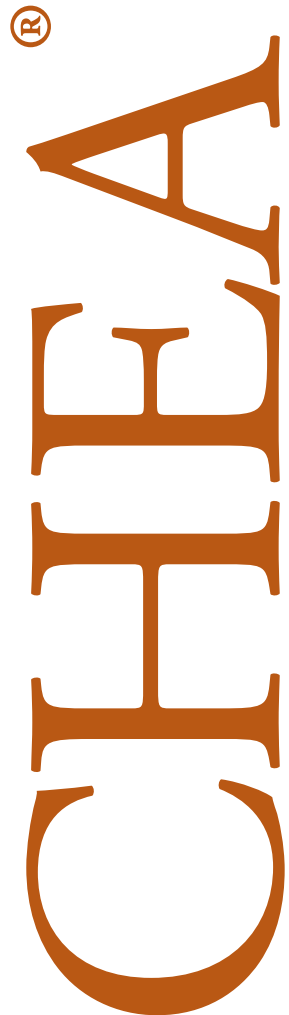


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I. Accredited Institutions

Institutions are accredited by three types of accreditors: national faith-related organizations that accredit religiously affiliated and doctrinally based institutions that are primarily degree-granting and nonprofit; national career-related organizations that accredit mainly for-profit career-based degree-granting and non-degree-granting institutions; and regional organizations that accredit mainly nonprofit, degree-granting institutions. Nineteen (19) recognized institutional accrediting organizations accredited 7,435 institutions in 2008-2009.

Figure 1-1
Total Number of Institutions Accredited by Recognized Accrediting Organizations

Regional	3,040
National Faith-Related	462
National Career-Related	3,933
TOTAL	7,435

Figure 1-2
Number of Institutions Accredited by National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations (462)

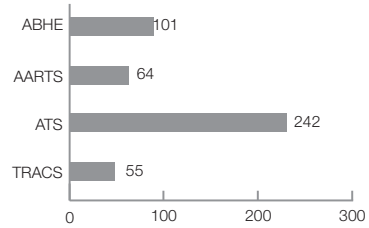
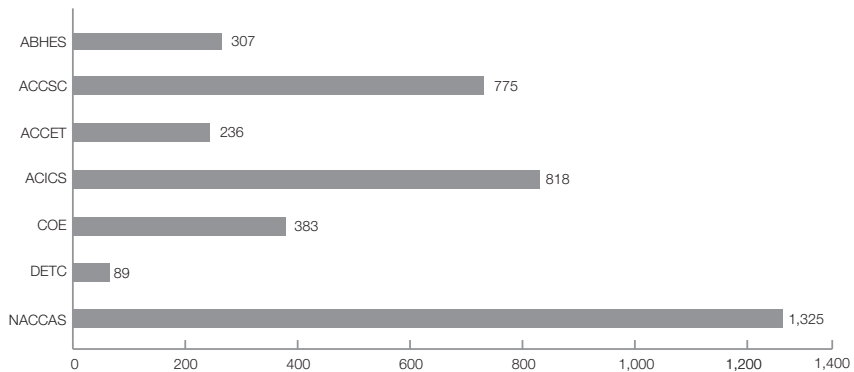


Figure 1-3
Number of Institutions Accredited by National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations (3,933)



I. Accredited Institutions

Figure 1-4

Number of Institutions Accredited by Regional Accrediting Organizations (3,040)

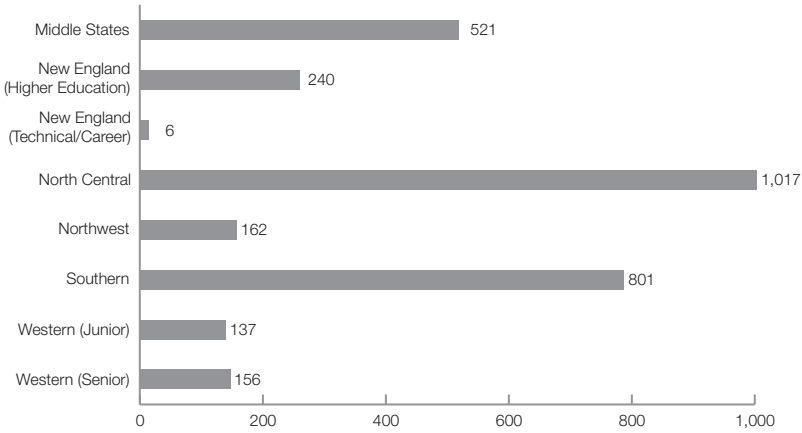
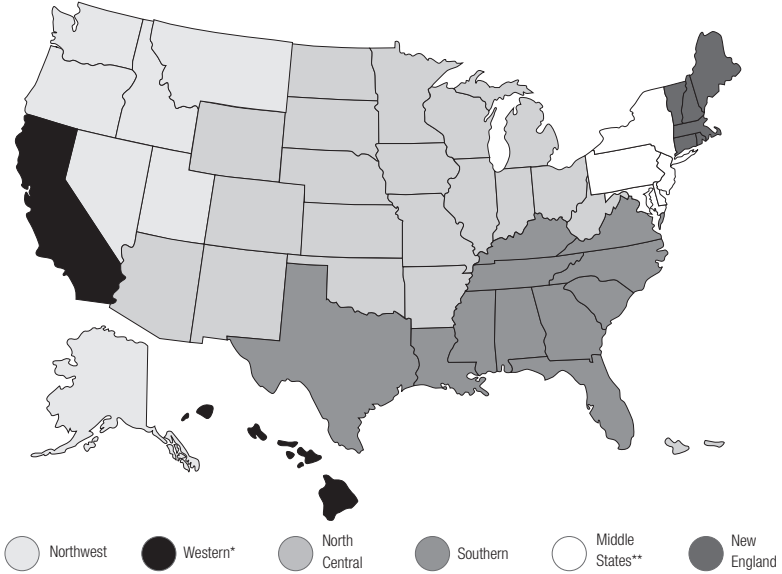


Figure 1-5

Regional Accrediting Organizations



*Includes American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

**Includes Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Figure 1-6

Institutional Accreditation by Institutional Control, Degree- or Non-Degree-Granting Status

Institutional accrediting organizations accredit more degree-granting institutions (4,667) than non-degree-granting (2,749) and more nonprofit institutions (3,773) than for-profit (3,662).

		Public	Private Nonprofit	Private For-Profit	Total Institutions
Regional	<i>Degree</i>	1,557	1,375	102	3,034
	<i>Non-Degree</i>	0	3	3	6
	<i>Regional Total</i>	1,557	1,378	105	3,040
National Faith-Related	<i>Degree</i>	0	459	2	461
	<i>Non-Degree</i>	0	1	0	1
	<i>National Faith-Related Total</i>	0	460	2	462
National Career-Related	<i>Degree</i>	108	73	1,000	1,181
	<i>Non-Degree</i>	102	95	2,555	2,752
	<i>National Career-Related Total</i>	210	168	3,555	3,933
Total Institutions	<i>Degree</i>	1,665	1,907	1,104	4,676
	<i>Non-Degree</i>	102	99	2,558	2,759
Grand Totals		1,767	2,006	3,662	7,435

II. Students in Accredited Institutions

More than 23,700,000 students were enrolled in accredited institutions in 2008-2009. Regionally accredited institutions are home to more than 19,600,000 of these enrollees.

Figure 2-1

Total Number of Students Enrolled in Institutions Accredited by Recognized Accrediting Organizations

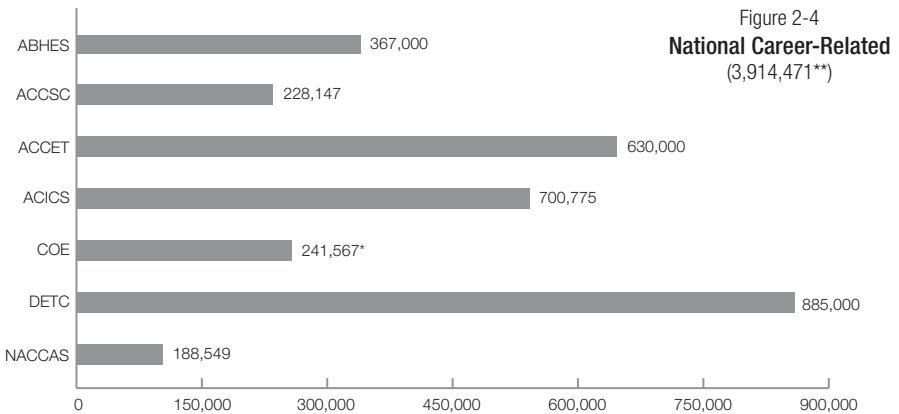
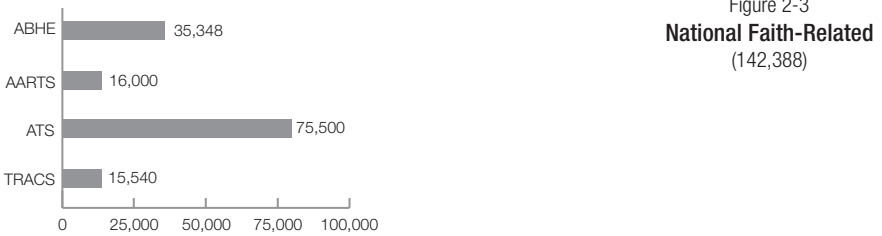
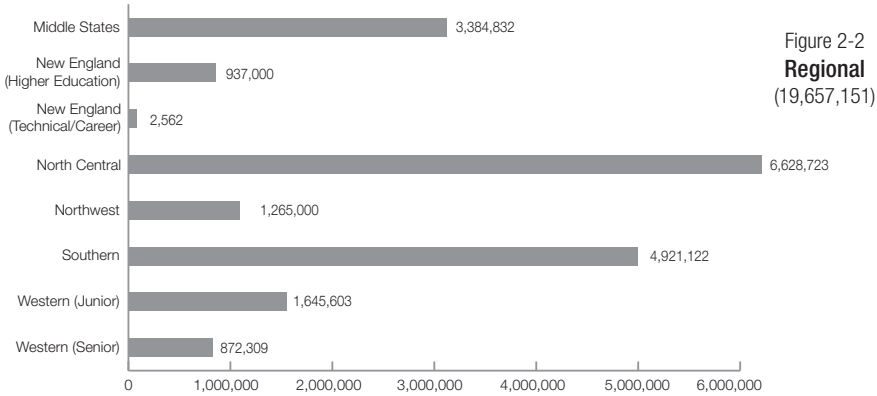
Regional	19,657,151
National Faith-Related	142,388
National Career-Related	3,914,471*
TOTAL	23,714,010*

*Council on Occupational Education enrollments not included.

II. Students in Accredited Institutions

Figures 2-2, 2-3, 2-4

Number of Students Enrolled in Institutions Accredited by Regional, National Faith-Related and National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations in 2008-2009



*COE reports full-time equivalent enrollment.

**COE enrollment not included.

III. Accredited Programs

Figure 3-1

Programmatic Accreditation by Degree- or Non-Degree-Granting Status, 2008-2009*

	Public	Private Nonprofit	Private For-Profit	Institutional Control Not Indicated	Total*
<i>Degree</i>	7,039	3,281	623	5,869	16,821
<i>Non-Degree</i>	1,502	446	574	1,085	3,605
Total	8,541	3,727	1,197	6,954	20,419

Figure 3-2

Programmatic Accreditation

The 61 recognized programmatic accrediting organizations accredit programs or free-standing institutions that enrolled more than 3.4 million students in 2008-2009. This figure indicates the date founded, number of schools or programs and number of students enrolled.

ACCREDITOR	Date Founded	Number of Schools or Programs	Number of Students
AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	1916	570	937,505
ABET, Inc.	1932	2,978	Not Available
Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine	1982	56	8,073
Accreditation Council Business Schools and Programs	1988	729	Not Available
Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education	1955	39	1,136
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education	1932	120	55,000
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.	1971	148	13,000
Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications	1945	113	85,000
American Academy for Liberal Education	1992	24	60,000
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education	1946	113	2,800
American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Council for Accreditation	1909	52	Not Available
American Bar Association Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar	1893	200	154,549
American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation	1958	56	6,500

*See errata sheet as of August 2011.

III. Accredited Programs

Figure 3-2 (continued)

Programmatic Accreditation

ACCREDITOR	Date Founded	Number of Schools or Programs	Number of Students
American Council for Construction Education	1974	74	15,000
American Culinary Federation Foundation, Inc. Accrediting Commission	1929	335	28,000
American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation	1975	1,373	50,120
American Dietetic Association Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education	1917	568	21,200
American Library Association Committee on Accreditation	1924	62	20,019
American Occupational Therapy Association Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education	1923	278	21,111
American Optometric Association Accreditation Council on Optometric Education	1934	168	5,300
American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation	1897	26	16,893
American Physical Therapy Association Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education	1928	467	33,000
American Podiatric Medical Association Council on Podiatric Medical Education	1918	8	2,290
American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation	1948	892	26,000
American Society for Microbiology American College of Microbiology	1899	14	15
American Society of Landscape Architects Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board	1899	84	6,800
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	1925	319	18,900
American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education	1863	42	11,100
Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission	1967	293	6,808
Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering	1967	539	Not Available
Aviation Accreditation Board International	1988	89	13,176
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs	1994	1,896	95,000
Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education	1968	69	5,200
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education	1996	906	216,008
Commission on English Language Program Accreditation	1999	97	300,000
Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation	1996	80	9,000
Commission on Opticianry Accreditation	1985	20	600
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs	1981	576	34,364
Council for Interior Design Accreditation	1970	177	43,535
Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs	1975	108	4,500

Figure 3-2 (continued)

Programmatic Accreditation

ACCREDITOR	Date Founded	Number of Schools or Programs	Number of Students
Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism & Related Professions	1965	87	10,000
Council on Chiropractic Education Commission on Accreditation	1971	15	10,000
Council on Education for Public Health	1974	125	25,000
Council on Naturopathic Medical Education	1978	7	1,800
Council on Rehabilitation Education Commission on Standards and Accreditation	1972	99	4,450
Council on Social Work Education Office of Social Work Accreditation and Educational Excellence	1952	670	76,538
Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology	1971	729	37,000
Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology	1970	98	
Liaison Committee on Medical Education	1942	133	
Midwifery Education Accreditation Council	1991	10	
Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education	1991	120	
National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences	1973	552	
National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc.	1940	148	43,310
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health Council on Accreditation	1980	0	Not Available
National Association of Schools of Art and Design Commission on Accreditation	1944	289	217,504
National Association of Schools of Dance Commission on Accreditation	1981	68	6,462
National Association of Schools of Music Commission on Accreditation and Commission on Community/Junior College Accreditation	1924	625	129,909
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation	1970	169	26,200
National Association of Schools of Theatre Commission on Accreditation	1969	160	25,040
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education	1954	659	320,000
National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council	1967	36	1,659
National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, Inc.	1997	1,226	Not Available
Planning Accreditation Board	1984	86	7,155
Society of American Foresters	1900	54	4,500
Teacher Education Accreditation Council	1997	109	67,120
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission on Certification and Accreditation	1982	31	1,500
PROGRAMMATIC SUBTOTALS	---	21,063	3,428,591

IV. Characteristics of Accrediting Organizations

Accrediting organizations employed more than 760 full- and part-time staff in 2008-2009 and reported operating budgets that totaled approximately \$98,000,000. They worked with more than 19,000 volunteers who served on accreditation teams, commissions and task forces.

Figure 4-1
Number of Paid Employees and Accrediting Unit Operating Budget in 2008-2009

	Full-time Employees	Part-time Employees	2008-09 Operating Budget
Regional Accrediting Organizations	141	12	\$22,169,067
National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations	17	11	\$2,429,025
National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations	139	7	\$19,081,811
Programmatic Accrediting Organizations	376	60	\$53,965,475
<i>Totals</i>	673	90	\$98,225,358

Figure 4-2
Number of Volunteers and Volunteer Financial Support in 2008-2009

Accrediting organizations rely on volunteers in the higher education community and the public to carry out the important function of peer review. In general, these volunteers are unpaid (other than reimbursement of expenses) and serve on visiting teams, accreditation decision-making bodies and other task forces or committees of accrediting organizations.

	Total Volunteers Available	2008-09 Volunteers	2008-09 Volunteer Financial Support
Regional Accrediting Organizations	21,281	3,817	\$5,882,626
National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations	1,138	270	\$213,537
National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations	5,339	2,860	\$3,709,607
Programmatic Accrediting Organizations	27,065	12,476	\$11,389,478
<i>Totals</i>	54,823	19,423	\$21,195,248

Figure 4-3

Formal Actions Taken by Accrediting Organizations, 2008-2009

Accrediting organizations take a range of formal actions when reviewing an institution or program for initial or continuing accreditation. This chart indicates the types and frequency of actions reported by accrediting organizations arrayed by type of organization. Accrediting organizations do not use a common set of definitions for these actions. Please contact individual accreditors for additional information about use of these terms.

Accreditation Action	Regional	National Faith-Related	National Career-Related	Programmatic	Totals
Initial Candidacy or Pre-accreditation granted	12	10	106	304	432
Initial Candidacy or Pre-accreditation denied	2	3	4	36	45
Initial Accreditation granted	20	6	231	813	1,070
Initial Accreditation denied	0	0	19	30	49
Accreditation continued following comprehensive review	150	39	701	1,997	2,887
Accreditation continued following comprehensive review with required follow-up	181	9	287	990	1,467
Notice or Warning	45	13	22	48	128
Probation	21	6	25	54	106
Show Cause	5	2	506	37	550
Accreditation Terminated or Removed	4	4	24	59	91
Actions Under Appeal	0	5	12	5	22
Other*	161	1	252	299	713
<i>Totals</i>	601	98	2,189	4,672	7,560

*Some accrediting organizations reported additional types of actions. Examples include substantive changes, voluntary withdrawal, special purpose visits, program closure.

V. International Accreditation Activity

Figure 5-1

Number and Location of Non-U.S. Institutions and Programs Operating Outside the United States and Accredited by Recognized U.S. Accrediting Organizations (as of December 2009)*

Forty-one (42) accrediting organizations were active in 52 countries outside the United States in 2008-2009, accrediting 505 non-U.S. operations.

Regional Accrediting Organizations	Number of Institutions or Programs	Countries
Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Middle States Commission on Higher Education	16	Canada, Chile, China, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Italy, Lebanon, Malaysia, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, The Netherlands, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom
New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education	6	Bulgaria, Greece, Switzerland
New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Technical and Career Institutions	4	Spain, Sweden, Switzerland
Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities	2	Canada
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges	6	Costa Rica, Mexico, United Arab Emirates
Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities	1	Mexico
<i>Regional Accrediting Organizations Total</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>18 countries*</i>
National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations		
		Countries
Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation	19	Canada
Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada	33	Canada
Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Accrediting Commission	3	Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Taiwan
<i>National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations Total</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>24 countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)</i>
National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations		
		Countries
Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training	4	Saudi Arabia, Venezuela
Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools	5	Cayman Islands, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Saudi Arabia
Council on Occupational Education	5	Canada
Distance Education and Training Council Accrediting Commission	3	Australia, Canada, Japan
<i>National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations Total</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>9 countries</i>
<i>All Institutional Accrediting Organizations Totals</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>38 countries</i>

*Includes institutions and programs in Guam and U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Figure 5-1 (continued)

Programmatic Accrediting Organizations	Number of Institutions or Programs	Countries
AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	106	Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Venezuela
ABET, Inc.	75	Bahrain, Chile, Egypt, Germany, India, Jordan, Kuwait, Mexico, Oman, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, United Arab Emirates
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs	55	Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Peru, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education	1	Lebanon
Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications	1	Chile
American Academy for Liberal Education	9	Canada, Georgia, Germany, Iraq, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Singapore, United Kingdom
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education	6	Canada
American Council for Construction Education	2	Australia, Canada
American Culinary Federation Foundation, Inc.	5	Bermuda, Peru, Philippines, Switzerland
American Dietetic Association Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education	2	Mexico, Republic of Korea
American Library Association Committee on Accreditation	7	Canada
American Optometric Association Accreditation Council on Optometric Education	2	Canada
American Physical Therapy Association Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education	3	Canada
American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation	28	Canada
American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education	14	Australia, Canada, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, United Kingdom
Aviation Accreditation Board International	2	Canada, Republic of Korea
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs	1	Canada
Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education	4	Canada

V. International Accreditation Activity

Figure 5-1 (continued)

Programmatic Accrediting Organizations	Number of Institutions or Programs	Countries
Commission on English Language Program Accreditation	5	Mexico, Puerto Rico
Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation	1	Canada
Council for Interior Design Accreditation	11	Canada
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs	2	Canada, Mexico
Council on Education for Public Health	3	Lebanon, Mexico, Puerto Rico
Council on Naturopathic Medical Education	2	Canada
Liaison Committee on Medical Education	17	Canada
Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education	24	Canada, China, Dominican Republic, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Taiwan, United Kingdom
National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences	5	Puerto Rico, Qatar
National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, Inc.	2	United Kingdom
Planning Accreditation Board	3	Canada, Puerto Rico
Programmatic Accrediting Organizations Total	398	51 Countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)
Grand Total	505	58 Countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)

Figure 5-2

Number and Location of U.S. Institutions and Programs Operating Outside the United States and Accredited by Recognized U.S. Accrediting Organizations (as of December 2009)*

Seventeen (17) accrediting organizations were active in 113 countries outside the United States in 2008-2009, accrediting 602 U.S. operations.

Regional Accrediting Organizations	Number of Institutions or Programs	Countries
Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Middle States Commission on Higher Education	253	Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guam, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kosovo, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, St. Lucia, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Vietnam, Virgin Islands
New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education	56	Bahamas, Bahrain, Belgium, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Mexico, Nicaragua, Northern Mariana Islands, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Venezuela
North Central Association - The Higher Learning Commission	192	Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Myanmar, The Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovak Republic, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Vietnam
Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities	50	American Samoa, Austria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Guam, Hong Kong, China, India, Japan, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Federated States of Micronesia, Northern Mariana Islands, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand
Regional Accrediting Organizations Total	551	111 countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)

*Includes institutions and programs in Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Pacific Islands.

V. International Accreditation Activity

Figure 5-2 (continued)

National Faith-Related Organizations		
Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada	13	Brazil, Germany, Guatemala, India, Lebanon, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom
Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Accreditation Commission	4	Bangladesh, Republic of Korea, Romania, Spain
National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations Total	17	14 countries
National Career-Related Organizations		
Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges Schools	5	Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom
Distance Education and Training Council Accreding Commission	3	Bahamas
National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations Total	8	7 countries
Programmatic Accrediting Organizations		
ABET, Inc.	4	Qatar
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs	12	Canada, Germany, Greece, Guam, Malaysia, Mexico, The Netherlands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam
American Academy for Liberal Education	1	Nicaragua
American Culinary Federation Foundation, Inc.	1	Switzerland
American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation	1	Canada
American Optometric Association Accreditation Council on Optometric Education	1	Canada
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education	3	Argentina, Japan, Lebanon, Taiwan, Thailand
Council for Interior Design Accreditation	1	Qatar
Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education	2	Puerto Rico, Taiwan
Programmatic Accrediting Organizations Total	26	19 Countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)
Grand Total	602	113 Countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)

Figure 5-3

Summary: Number of U.S. and Non-U.S. Institutions and Programs Operating Outside the United States and Accredited by Recognized U.S. Accrediting Organizations (as of December 2009)

Institutions and Programs Accredited			
Accrediting Organizations	U.S.	Non-U.S.	Total
Regional	551	35	586
National Faith-Related	17	55	72
National Career-Related	8	17	25
Programmatic	26	398	424
Total	602	505	1,107

VI. Recognition

Accrediting organizations are “recognized” or scrutinized for quality by either the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or the United States Department of Education (USDE). This periodic review is based on the standards established by CHEA or USDE for this purpose.

Figure 6-1

Accrediting Organizations Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or the U.S. Department of Education *(as of December 2009)**

	CHEA	USDE
Regional (8)	8	8
Faith-Related (4)	4	4
Career-Related (7)	2	7
Programmatic (59)	46	38
Totals (78)	60	57

Figure 6-2

Accrediting Organizations Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or the U.S. Department of Education or Both *(as of December 2009)*

	USDE and CHEA	USDE only	CHEA only
Regional (8)	8	0	0
Faith-Related (4)	4	0	0
Career-Related (7)	2	5	0
Programmatic (59)	21	14	22
Totals (78)	35	19	22

*Some accrediting organizations are recognized by both CHEA and USDE. See Figure 6-2.

Recognized Accrediting Organizations (as of July 2011)

This chart lists regional, national faith-related, national career-related and programmatic accreditors that are or have been recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) or both. Organizations identified by (*) are recognized; (-) indicates those not currently recognized. An asterisk (*) identifies accrediting organizations that were formerly recognized.

CHEA-recognized organizations must meet CHEA eligibility standards (www.chea.org/recognition/recognition.asp). Accreditors exercise independent judgment about whether to seek CHEA recognition. For USDE recognition, accreditation from the organization is used by an institution or program to establish eligibility to participate in federal student aid or other federal programs (www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/index.html). Some accreditors cannot be considered for USDE recognition because they do not provide access to federal funds. Other accreditors have chosen not to pursue USDE recognition.

Because CHEA affiliation and USDE recognition depend on a range of factors, readers are strongly cautioned against making judgments about the quality of an accrediting organization and its institutions and programs based solely on CHEA or USDE status. Additional inquiry is essential. If you have questions about the CHEA or USDE recognition status of an accreditor, please contact the accrediting organization.

This chart is updated when the CHEA Board of Directors recognizes or withdraws recognition of an accrediting organization and when the United States Secretary of Education recognizes or withdraws recognition of an accrediting organization.

Please visit the CHEA website at: www.chea.org

ACCREDITOR	CHEA Recognized Organization	USDE Recognized Organization
REGIONAL ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS		
Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Middle States Commission on Higher Education	●	●
New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education	●	●
New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Technical and Career Institutions	*	●
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools The Higher Learning Commission	●	●
Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities	●	●
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges	●	●
Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges	●	●
Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities	●	●
NATIONAL FAITH-RELATED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS		
Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation	●	●
Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools Accreditation Commission	●	●
Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada	●	●
Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Accreditation Commission	●	●
NATIONAL CAREER-RELATED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS		
Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools	—	●
Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges	—	●
Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training	—	●
Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools	●	●
Council on Occupational Education	—	●
Distance Education and Training Council Accrediting Commission	●	●
National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences, Inc.	—	●

ACCREDITOR	CHEA Recognized Organization	USDE Recognized Organization
PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS		
AACSB International–The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	●	*
ABET, Inc.	●	*
Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine	—	●
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs	●	*
Accreditation Council for Midwifery Education	—	●
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education	●	●
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.	●	—
Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications	●	*
American Academy for Liberal Education	—	*
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education	●	●
American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Council for Accreditation	●	—
American Bar Association Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar	—	●
American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation	●	●
American Council for Construction Education	●	*
American Culinary Federation’s Education Foundation, Inc. Accrediting Commission	●	*
American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation	—	●
American Dietetic Association Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education	*	●
American Library Association Committee on Accreditation	●	*
American Occupational Therapy Association Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education	●	●
American Optometric Association Accreditation Council on Optometric Education	●	●
American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation	*	●
American Physical Therapy Association Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education	●	●
American Podiatric Medical Association Council on Podiatric Medical Education	●	●
American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation	●	●
American Society for Microbiology American College of Microbiology	—	*
American Society of Landscape Architects Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board	●	*
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	●	●
American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education	●	●
Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission	—	●
Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering	●	*
Aviation Accreditation Board International	●	—
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs	●	*

VI. Recognition

ACCREDITOR	CHEA Recognized Organization	USDE Recognized Organization
Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education	●	●
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education	*	●
Commission on English Language Program Accreditation	—	●
Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation	—	●
Commission on Opticianry Accreditation	●	*
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs	●	—
Council for Interior Design Accreditation	●	*
Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs	●	●
Council on Chiropractic Education Commission on Accreditation	●	●
Council on Education for Public Health	—	●
Council on Naturopathic Medical Education	—	●
Council on Rehabilitation Education Commission on Standards and Accreditation	●	*
Council on Social Work Education Office of Social Work Accreditation and Educational Excellence	●	*
International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education	●	—
International Fire Service Accreditation Congress Degree Assembly	●	—
Joint Review Committee on Education Programs in Radiologic Technology	●	●
Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology	●	●
Liaison Committee on Medical Education	—	●
Midwifery Education Accreditation Council	—	●
Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education	—	●
National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences	●	*
National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc.	—	*
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health Council on Accreditation	—	*
National Association of Schools of Art and Design Commission on Accreditation	*	●
National Association of Schools of Dance Commission on Accreditation	*	●
National Association of Schools of Music Commission on Accreditation and Commission on Community/Junior College Accreditation	*	●
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation	●	—
National Association of Schools of Theatre Commission on Accreditation	*	●
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education	●	●
National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council	—	*
National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.	●	●
National Recreation and Park Association Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Related Professions	●	—
Planning Accreditation Board	●	—
Society of American Foresters	●	*
Teacher Education Accreditation Council Accreditation Committee	●	●
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission on Certification and Accreditation	—	*

ACCREDITOR	CHEA Recognized Organization	USDE Recognized Organization
Society of American Foresters	●	*
Teacher Education Accreditation Council Accreditation Committee	●	●
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission on Certification and Accreditation	—	*

Appendix

Key to Abbreviations for Institutional Accrediting Organizations

REGIONAL Accrediting Organizations

Middle States	Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Middle States Commission on Higher Education
New England (Higher Education)	New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
New England (Technical/Career)	New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Technical and Career Institutions
North Central	North Central Association of Colleges and Schools The Higher Learning Commission
Northwest	Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
Southern	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
Western (Junior)	Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
Western (Senior)	Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities

NATIONAL FAITH-RELATED Accrediting Organizations

ABHE	Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation
AARTS	Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools Accreditation Commission
ATS	Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada
TRACS	Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Accrediting Commission

NATIONAL CAREER-RELATED Accrediting Organizations

ABHES	Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools
ACCSC	Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges
ACCET	Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training
ACICS	Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools
COE	Council on Occupational Education
DETC	Distance Education and Training Council Accrediting Commission
NACCAS	National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences, Inc.

Appendix (cont.)

Key to Abbreviations for Programmatic Accrediting Organizations

PROGRAMMATIC Accrediting Organizations

AACSB	AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
ABET	ABET, Inc.
ACAOM	Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
ACBSP	Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs
ACME	Accreditation Council for Midwifery Education
ACPE	Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
ARCPA	Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.
ACEJMC	Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications
AALE	American Academy for Liberal Education
AAMFT-COAMFT	American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education
AAFCS-CFA	American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Council for Accreditation
ABA-CSLEAB	American Bar Association Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
ABFSE-COA	American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation
ACCE	American Council for Construction Education
ACF-EFAC	American Culinary Federation's Education Foundation, Inc. Accrediting Commission
ADA-CDA	American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation
ADA-CADE	American Dietetic Association Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education
ALA-COA	American Library Association Committee on Accreditation
APTA-ACOTE	American Occupational Therapy Association Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education
AOA-ACOE	American Optometric Association Accreditation Council on Optometric Education
AOA-COCA	American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation
APTA-CAPTE	American Physical Therapy Association Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
APMA-CPME	American Podiatry Medical Association Council on Podiatric Medical Education
APA-COA	American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation
ASM-ACM	American Society for Microbiology American College of Microbiology

Appendix (cont.)

Key to Abbreviations for Programmatic Accrediting Organizations

(continued)

ASLA-LAAB	American Society of Landscape Architects Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board
ASHA-CAA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
AVMA-COE	American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education
ACPE-CA	Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission
ATMAE	Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering
AABI	Aviation Accreditation Board International
CAAHEP	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
CAHME	Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education
CCNE	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
CELPA	Commission on English Language Program Accreditation
COMTA	Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation
COA	Commission on Opticianry Accreditation
CACREP	Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs
CIDA	Council for Interior Design Accreditation
COANAEP	Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
CCE-CA	Council on Chiropractic Education Commission on Accreditation
CEPH	Council on Education for Public Health
CNME	Council on Naturopathic Medical Education
CORE-CSA	Council on Rehabilitation Education Commission on Standards and Accreditation
CSWE-OSWAE	Council on Social Work Education Office of Social Work Accreditation and Educational Excellence
IACBE	International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education
IFSAC-DA	International Fire Service Accreditation Congress Degree Assembly
JRCPRRT	Joint Review Committee on Education Programs in Radiologic Technology
JRCNMT	Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology
LCME	Liaison Committee on Medical Education
MEAC	Midwifery Education Accreditation Council
MACTE	Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education
NAACLS	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences
NAAB	National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc.

Appendix (cont.)

Key to Abbreviations for Programmatic Accrediting Organizations

(continued)

NANPWH-COA	National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health Council on Accreditation
NASAD	National Association of Schools of Art and Design Commission on Accreditation
NASD	National Association of Schools of Dance Commission on Accreditation
NASM	National Association of Schools of Music Commission on Accreditation and Commission on Community/Junior College Accreditation
NASPAA	National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation
NAST	National Association of Schools of Theatre Commission on Accreditation
NCATE	National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
NEHSPAC	National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council
NLNAC	National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.
NRPA-COAPRT	National Recreation and Park Association Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Related Professions
PAB	Planning Accreditation Board
SAF	Society of American Foresters
TEAC	Teacher Education Accreditation Council Accreditation Committee
USCCB-CCA	United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission on Certification and Accreditation

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