COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

SUMMARY OF RECOGNITION DECISION

COUNCIL FOR INTERIOR DESIGN ACCREDITATION (CIDA)

In accordance with the 2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraph 43, this summary of recognition status describes the formal action taken by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Board of Directors with regard to an accrediting organization seeking recognition by CHEA.

PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

Type of Accreditor: Programmatic
Number of Programs: 171

CHEA-RECOGNIZED SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION

Professional-level programs in interior design programs that culminate in a bachelor’s or master’s degree located in the United States or internationally. (2013)

CHEA RECOGNITION INFORMATION

History: Recognized by CHEA in April 2002

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, September 23-24, 2013
Decision: Recognition for up to 10 years

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA). 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).

CIDA 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: CIDA is required to provide two reports that document the implementation of accreditation standards or policies that require programs routinely to provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program (Paragraph 12B.1, 2010 CHEA Policy and Procedures).

The CHEA recognition policy requires that an accrediting organization undergo a recognition review at least every 10 years and submit two interim reports.
Prior Actions on CIDA's Application for Recognition

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 28, 2013: The Board of Directors continued to defer recognition and CIDA’s request for a change of scope in order to obtain evidence that CIDA (1) implements accreditation standards that require institutions or programs routinely to provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or programs (Paragraph 12(B)(1), 2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures) and (2) implements procedures for informing the public of the basis for final decisions to grant or reaffirm accreditation and, in the case of denial or withdrawal of accreditation, to provide specific reasons for the decision, accompanied by a response related to the final decision from the institution or program (Paragraph 12(B)(5), 2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures).

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, September 24–25, 2012: The Board of Directors deferred recognition in order to obtain evidence that CIDA (1) has standards, policies or procedures that assure that, when the accrediting organization engages in international activities, there are reasonable efforts to communicate and consult with appropriate governmental and nongovernmental accreditation or quality assurance entities in those other countries (Paragraph 12(B)(8), 2010 CHEA Policy and Procedures); (2) implements accreditation standards that require institutions or programs routinely to provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or programs (Paragraph 12(B)(1), 2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures); and (3) implements procedures for informing the public of the basis for final decisions to grant or reaffirm accreditation and, in the case of denial or withdrawal of accreditation, to provide specific reasons for the decision, accompanied by a response related to the final decision from the institution or program (Paragraph 12(B)(5), 2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures).

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