In accordance with the 2006 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraph 40, 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: 29

CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation:

*FEPAC accredits forensic science education programs that lead to a bachelor’s or master’s degree in forensic science or in a natural science with a forensic science concentration in the United States and internationally.* (2012)

**CHEA RECOGNITION INFORMATION**

History: No prior recognition by CHEA

**Most Recent Recognition Action**

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, September 24–25, 2012

Decision: Recognition for up to 10 years

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Forensic Science Educational Program Accreditation Commission (FEPAC). 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 (2006 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 5-8).

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

The CHEA recognition policy requires that an accrediting organization undergo a recognition review at least every 10 years and submit two interim reports.

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