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: 505 degree-granting; 65 non-degree-granting

CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation:

*Degrees in clinical laboratory science/medical technology, clinical laboratory technician/medical laboratory technician, histotechnologist, histotechnician, pathologist assistant, and diagnostic molecular scientist. (2002)*

CHEA RECOGNITION INFORMATION

History: Recognized by CHEA April 2002

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, April 29-30, 2013

Decision: Recognition for up to 10 years with a report in one year and approval of change of CHEA-recognized scope of accreditation

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the NAACLS. 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. 4-8).

NAACLS 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: NAACLS is required to provide a report that documents 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 12(B)(1), 2006 CHEA Policy and Procedures). The report needs to include a description of how NAACLS monitors its institutions to affirm that they meet accreditation standards that call for providing information to the public on student achievement.
In addition to the decision to award recognition, the board of directors agreed to changes in NAACLS’ CHEA-recognized scope of accreditation. The CHEA-recognized scope of accreditation is now the following:

NAACLS independently accredits educational programs at the associate, pre-baccalaureate (certificate), baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate (certificate), and master’s degree levels in the United States and internationally for the following professions: medical laboratory science, laboratory technician, histotechnologist, histotechnician, pathologist assistant, diagnostic molecular scientist, cytogenetic technologist, phlebotomist, and clinical assistant. (2013)

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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