

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR AUDIOLOGY EDUCATION (ACAE)

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: 5

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

Doctor of Audiology Degree (Au.D) awarded by programs in institutions throughout the US that have the legal authority to confer higher education degrees. (2012)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: No prior recognition by CHEA

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, April 30, 2012

Decision: Recognition for up to 10 years

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education (ACAE). 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).

ACAE 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: ACAE is required to provide a report due in two years on continuing implementation of its Memorandum of Understanding with the American Academy of Audiology to demonstrate that predictable and stable resources are maintained, including adequate financial, staff and operational resources to perform accreditation functions efficiently and effectively (Paragraph 12(F)(1), *2006 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 ACAE's Application for Recognition

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, May 2-3, 2011: The Board of Directors deferred recognition in order to obtain additional information regarding ACAE's financial, staff and operational resources (Paragraph 12(F)(1), *2006 CHEA Policies and Procedures*) and ACAE's implementation of accreditation standards or policies 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 program (Paragraph 12(B)(1), *2006 CHEA Policies and Procedures*).