

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR EDUCATION IN NURSING (ACEN)

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 Accrerator: Programmatic

Number of Programs: 1,282

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

Accreditation of nursing education programs and schools, both postsecondary and higher degree, which offer either a certificate, diploma, or recognized professional degree (clinical doctorate, master's, baccalaureate, associate, diploma, and practical nursing) in the United States, its territories and internationally, including those offered via distance education. (2011)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Recognized by CHEA in January 2001

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, September 19–20, 2011

Decision: Recognition for up to 10 years

Summary of CHEA's Most Recent Recognition Review

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). 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).

ACEN 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 least every 10 years and submit two interim reports.