

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES (NEASC-CIHE) COMMISSION ON INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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: Institutional

Number of Institutions: 242

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

The accreditation of institutions that award the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and associate's degree-granting institutions that include in their offerings at least one program in liberal studies or another area of study widely available at the baccalaureate level of regionally accredited colleges and universities in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and internationally. (2013)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Recognized by CHEA in April 2002

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, September 24, 2013

Decision: Recognition for up to 10 years with a report

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC-CIHE). 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).

NEASC-CIHE 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: NEASC-CIHE is required to provide an information report discussing the independence of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education and its ability to maintain predictable and stable resources if it is to meet the expectations of institutions, programs and the public (*2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*, Standard 12F).

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