

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EDUCATION (COAMFTE-AAMFT) AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

In accordance with the [2019 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraph 39](#), this summary describes the formal status of an accrediting organization in relation to recognition by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

Profile of Accrediting Organization

Type of Accrerator: Programmatic

Number of Programs: 116

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

Master's, doctoral, and post-degree clinical training programs in marriage and family therapy in the United States and Canada. (2003)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Recognized by CHEA in April 2003

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, April 28-29, 2014

Decision: Recognition for up to 10 years with a report

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). 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. 5-8).

COAMFTE 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: COAMFTE is to provide an update on the implementation of its standard that programs routinely provide reliable information to the public on performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program (Paragraph 12 (B)(1), *2010 CHEA Policy and Procedures*).

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