

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

NATIONAL ACCREDITING AGENCY FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES (NAACLS)

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: 539

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

NAACLS independently accredits educational programs at the associate, prebaccalaureate (certificate), baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate (certificate), and master's degree levels in the United States and internationally for the following professions: medical laboratory science, medical laboratory technician, histotechnologist, histotechnician, pathologist assistant, diagnostic molecular scientist, and cytogenetic technologist. (2019)

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 and approval of change of CHEA-recognized scope of accreditation

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (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. 5-8).

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), *2010 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.