Council for Higher Education Accreditation

Recognition Decision Summary

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

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 Accréditor: Programmatic

Number of Programs: 238

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

The scope of NAEYC’s higher education accreditation includes programs at the associate, baccalaureate, and master’s degree levels that prepare candidates to work in the early childhood education profession. The degree program must be offered at an institution of higher education that is located in a U.S. state, district, or territory and that is currently accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency that is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and/or the U.S. Department of Education. (2021)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Initial CHEA recognition May 3, 2021

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, May 3, 2021

Decision: To award initial recognition for a term of 7-years with a Follow-up Report due July 1, 2022 and an Interim Report due at the midpoint (December 1, 2024). The Follow-up Report is to address Standard 11.B.1. Specifically:

Standard 11.B.1.- NAEYC’s policy and plan for assuring that all programs publish publicly accessible, accurate student achievement data on their websites.

Suggestion to consider the inclusion of practitioner input into its accreditation process (Standard 12.K.). To be addressed in Follow-up or Interim Report as appropriate.

Profile, scope and recognition information as of May 3, 2021