

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS (CAAHEP)

In accordance with the [2021 CHEA Standards and Procedures for Recognition](#), Procedures-B.11, this summary provides the reason(s) for the recognition decision by the CHEA Board of Directors.

Profile of Accrediting Organization

Type of Accrerator: Programmatic

Number of Programs: 1373 degree-granting; 870; non-degree-granting

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

Accredits certificate, diploma, associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs in the following disciplines: advanced cardiovascular sonographer, anesthesia technologist, anesthesiologist assistant, art therapist, assistive technology practitioners, cardiovascular technologist, clinical research professionals, cytotechnologist, diagnostic medical sonographer, emergency medical services-paramedic, exercise science professional, kinesiotherapist, lactation consultant, medical assistant, medical illustrator, neurodiagnostic technologist, orthotist and prosthetist, perfusionist, polysomnographic technologist, recreational therapist, specialist in blood bank technology, surgical assistant and surgical technologist. CAAHEP accredits programs in the United States and internationally. (2020)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Recognized by CHEA in January 2001, September 2011
Extension of term of recognition from December 31, 2021, to June 30, 2022, assuring continuity of CHEA recognition to allow for completion of the recognition process.

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, October 4, 2021

Decision: CHEA Board of Directors awarded continuing CHEA-recognition for a term of seven-years with an Interim Report due at the midpoint of the recognition term (June 1, 2025).

At the time of the Board of Directors Meeting, CAAHEP published its letters of accreditation in its directory of accredited programs for the purpose of providing the public with the reason(s) for its accreditation decisions (Standards 11.A.1. and 12.D.3.). CAAHEP was in the process of updating the letters of accreditation posted in its directory of accredited programs to reflect when outstanding deficiencies have been resolved. The Board of Directors expects CAAHEP to address its progress in this regard in the Interim Report.

Summary of Previous Actions

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 25, 2021

Decision: Extension of term of recognition from December 31, 2021, to June 30, 2022, assuring continuity of CHEA recognition to allow for completion of the recognition process.

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

Decision: Recognition for up to 10 years

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). 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).

CAAHEP 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.