

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION OF NURSE ANESTHESIA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS (COA-NAEP)

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: 124

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

Accreditation of institutions and programs of nurse anesthesia at the post-master's certificate, post-doctoral certificate, master's, or doctoral degree levels in the United States, and its territories, including programs offering distance education. (2021)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Initial recognition January 2001
Continuing recognition 2011
Approval of change of scope September 2014
Approval of change of scope March 2021

Most Recent Recognition Action

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

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

Prior Actions on COA-NAEP's Application for Recognition

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, September 29-30, 2014

Decision: Approval of change of scope

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, May 2-3, 2011

Decision: The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA-NAEP). 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).

COA-NAEP 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.

Profile and recognition information as of October 2021, Scope as of March 19, 2021