

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (AVMA) COUNCIL ON EDUCATION (COE)

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 Accreditor: Programmatic

Number of Programs: 53

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

Schools and programs that offer the professional Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, or its equivalent, in the United States and Canada. The Council may also accredit foreign veterinary colleges. (2015)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Initial recognition by CHEA in May 2001
Recognition for up to 10 years, January 2012

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 24, 2022

Decision: The 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 (December 1, 2025).

Additional Determination: AVMA-COE is required to specifically address how it has increased transparency in the online director of accredited programs and how it continues to ensure the currency and accuracy of the accreditation information provided by the programs it accredits (2019 *Recognition of Accrediting Organizations Policy and Procedures* Standards 11.A.1/12/D.3.; 2021 *CHEA Standards and Procedures for Recognition* Standard 2.B.) as the reasons provided for accreditation decision(s) could be more transparent and that accreditation information provided on program websites was out of date.

Summary of Prior Recognition Decisions

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 23, 2012: The CHEA Board of Directors awarded recognition for the maximum term of 10 years. The CHEA recognition policy requires that an accrediting organization undergo a recognition review at least every 10 years and submit two interim reports.

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). 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).

AVMA demonstrated that it meets these standards and that its accreditation process is consistent with the quality improvement and accountability expectations that CHEA has established.