

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

ACCREDITATION COUNCIL ON OPTOMETRIC EDUCATION (ACOE)

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: 25

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

Professional optometric degree programs (doctoral level) in the United States and Canada. (2022)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Recognized by CHEA in May 2001
Recognition for up to 10 years, September 2012

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, May 2, 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).

Summary of Prior Recognition Decisions

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, September 24–25, 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 Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE). 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).

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

Profile, scope and recognition information as of July 25, 2022