

# COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

## RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

### NATIONAL ACCREDITING AGENCY FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES (NAACLS)

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: 611

#### **Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation**

*NAACLS independently accredits educational programs at the associate, prebaccalaureate (certificate), baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate (certificate), and master's degree levels in the United States and internationally for the following professions: medical laboratory science, medical laboratory technician, histotechnologist, histotechnician, pathologist assistant, diagnostic molecular scientist, and cytogenetic technologist. (2019)*

#### **CHEA Recognition Information**

History: Initial recognition by CHEA April 2002  
Recognition for up to 10 years and approval of change of CHEA-recognized scope of accreditation, April 2013

#### **Most Recent Recognition Action**

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 23, 2023

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 (July 1, 2026).

#### **Summary of Prior Recognition Decisions**

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, April 29-30, 2013: 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 National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS). 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 (2010 *CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 5-8).

NAACLS 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 Committee also recommended approval of NAACLS' formal request for a change of scope, with the proviso that the degree levels of the programs it accredits are included in the scope statement.

**Additional Determination:** NAACLS is required to provide a report that documents the implementation of accreditation standards or policies that require programs routinely to provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program (Paragraph 12(B)(1), *2010 CHEA Policy and Procedures*)

Scope and recognition information as of February 2, 2023