

# CHEA Member Services

## Serving Member Institutions

### WORKING WITH MEMBERS

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- CHEA is a vigorous *advocate for accreditation* through its government relations function, representing to the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Department of Education and the states the interests of member institutions in matters related to self-regulation, accreditation and quality assurance.
- CHEA provides *a major national forum for accreditation deliberations*, bringing together institutions, accrediting organizations and policy leaders in conferences and workshops to address emerging and challenging accreditation-related issues in higher education.
- CHEA, on behalf of its members, undertakes periodic scrutiny or *recognition of accreditation organizations* based on quality standards approved by the CHEA Board of Directors.
- CHEA is a key source of information to the international community for comprehensive information about U.S. accreditation and, through its newly established *CHEA International Quality Group*, provides a major U.S.-based forum for international issues related to accreditation and quality assurance.
- The *CHEA Award for Outstanding Institutional Practice in Student Learning Outcomes* provides annual national recognition to institutions for outstanding institutional practice in student learning outcomes.
- The CHEA *CEO/CAO Project* is a multi-year initiative of surveys, interviews and roundtable discussions, keeping abreast of presidents' and chief academic officers' needs relating to accreditation.

### INFORMING MEMBERS

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- *Inside Accreditation*, an e-mail publication from the CHEA president to member presidents and the public, offers analysis and commentary on key accreditation and higher education issues.
- *CHEA Federal Update* provides information on federal policy developments affecting accreditation, self-regulation and peer review.
- *CHEAmail* is an ongoing electronic communication with CHEA members to learn of their interests and priorities and to provide valuable current information on important accreditation-related developments, CHEA publications, conferences and workshops.

*A national advocate and institutional voice for self-regulation of academic quality through accreditation, CHEA is an association of 3,000 degree-granting colleges and universities and recognizes 60 institutional and programmatic accrediting organizations.*

## INFORMING THE PUBLIC

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- The CHEA *Database of Institutions and Programs Accredited by Recognized United States Accrediting Organizations* is the largest and most comprehensive Web-based compilation in the nation, with information on the accredited status of thousands of institutions and programs and how to contact them.
- The CHEA Web-based *Important Questions about Accreditation, Degree Mills and Accreditation Mills* is a valuable resource for students, families, employers and the public to learn more about degree mills and accreditation mills.

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

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- CHEA provides a range of occasional papers, fact sheets, monographs and CHEA Chronicles through the CHEA *Institute for Research and Study of Accreditation and Quality Assurance*.
- The CHEA *Almanac of External Quality Review*, published biannually, is a comprehensive source of information about the role of accreditation in the United States, including the range and activities of accrediting organizations.

## Additional Benefits to Member Institutions

- Conference and workshop participants from CHEA member institutions receive a *discount on all registration fees*.
- CHEA member institutions receive a free copy of all CHEA publications, including the 2011 CHEA *Almanac of External Quality Review*. Members also receive discounts when ordering additional copies of any CHEA publication.
- Membership in the *CHEA International Quality Group* is an additional benefit to CHEA members as part of annual dues.

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