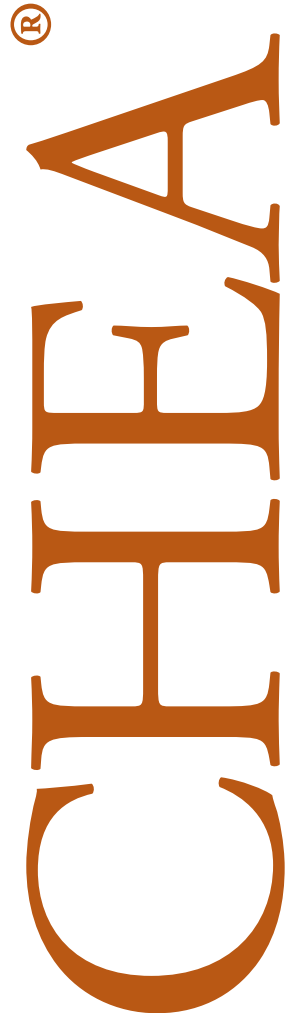


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I. Accredited Institutions*

Institutions are accredited by three types of accreditors: national faith-related organizations that accredit religiously affiliated and doctrinally based institutions that are primarily degree-granting and nonprofit; national career-related organizations that accredit mainly for-profit career-based degree-granting and non-degree-granting institutions; and regional organizations that accredit mainly nonprofit, degree-granting institutions. Eighteen (18) recognized institutional accrediting organizations accredited 7,896 institutions in 2012-2013.

Figure 1-1
Total Number of Institutions Accredited by Recognized Accrediting Organizations

Regional	3,049
National Faith-Related	503
National Career-Related	4,344
TOTAL	7,896

Figure 1-2
Number of Institutions Accredited by National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations (503)

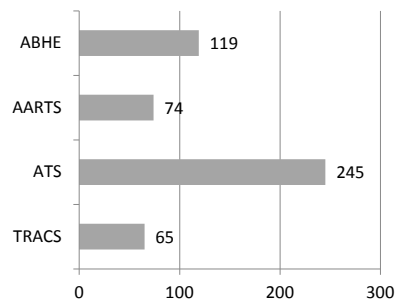
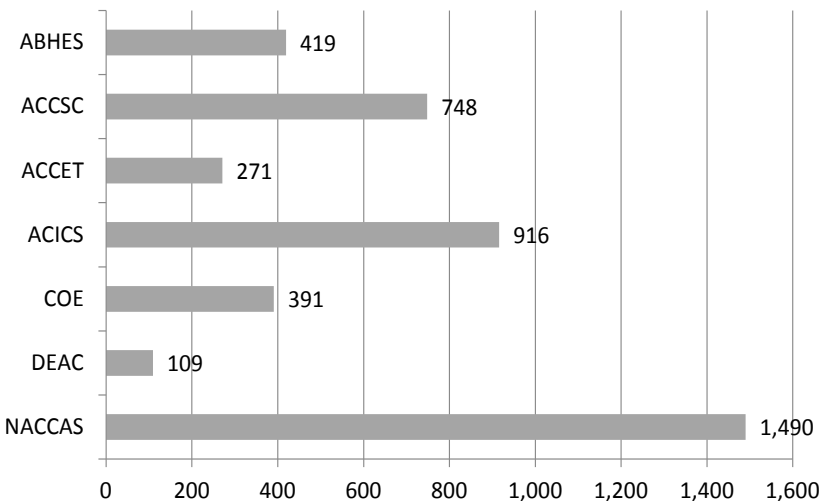


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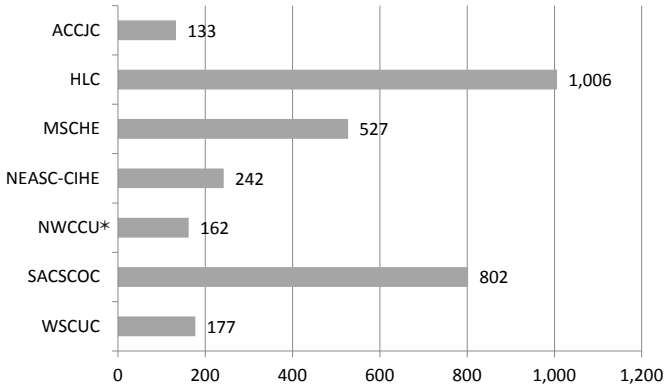


* See pages 21-24 for key to abbreviations of accrediting organizations.

I. Accredited Institutions

Figure 1-4

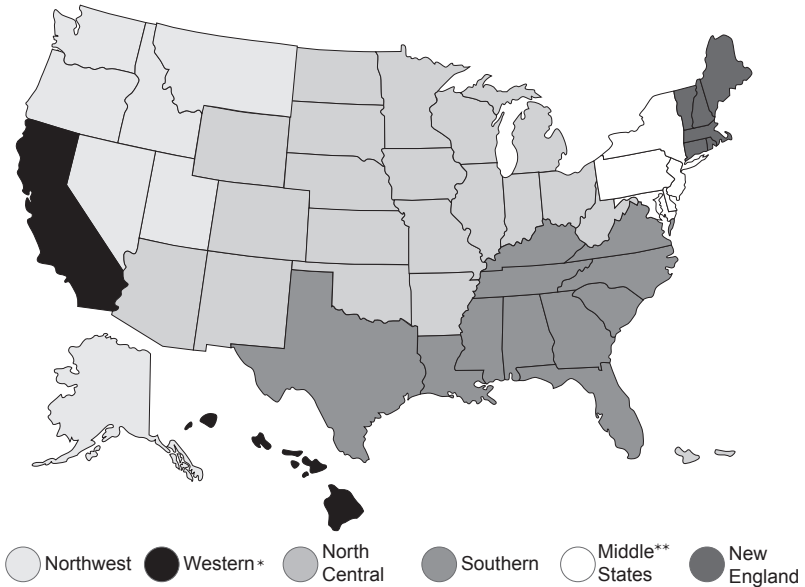
Number of Institutions Accredited by Regional Accrediting Organizations (3,049)



* Northwest data are for 2008-2009

Figure 1-5

Regional Accrediting Organizations



*Includes American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

**Includes Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Figure 1-6

Institutional Accreditation by Institutional Control, Degree- or Non-Degree-Granting Status, 2012-2013*

Institutional accrediting organizations accredited 4,989 degree-granting institutions and 2,907 non-degree-granting institutions in 2012-2013. Approximately 3,903 of these were nonprofit institutions and 3,722 were for-profit institutions.

		Public	Private Nonprofit	Private For-Profit	Institutional Control Not Indicated	Total Institutions
Regional	<i>Degree</i>	1,558	1,379	112	0	3,049
	<i>Non-Degree</i>	0	0	0	0	0
	<i>Regional Total</i>	1,558	1,379	112	0	3,049
National Faith-Related	<i>Degree</i>	0	500	2	0	502
	<i>Non-Degree</i>	0	1	0	0	1
	<i>National Faith-Related Total</i>	0	501	2	0	503
National Career-Related	<i>Degree</i>	66	127	1,230	15	1,438
	<i>Non-Degree</i>	183	89	2,378	256	2,906
	<i>National Career-Related Total</i>	249	216	3,608	271	4,344
Total Institutions	<i>Degree</i>	1,624	2,006	1,344	15	4,989
	<i>Non-Degree</i>	183	90	2,378	256	2,907
	<i>Grand Totals</i>	1,807	2,096	3,722	271	7,896

*NWCCU data are for 2008-2009, ABHES, ACCET and NACCAS data are for 2010-2011.

II. Students in Accredited Institutions

More than 23,994,000 students were enrolled in accredited institutions in 2012-2013. Regionally accredited institutions are home to more than 20,297,000 of these enrollees.

Figure 2-1

Total Number of Students Enrolled in Institutions Accredited by Recognized Accrediting Organizations

Regional	20,297,258
National Faith-Related	157,411
National Career-Related	3,540,072*
TOTAL	23,994,741*

*Council on Occupational Education enrollments not included.

II. Students in Accredited Institutions

Figures 2-2, 2-3, 2-4

Number of Students Enrolled in Institutions Accredited by Regional, National Faith-Related and National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations in 2012-2013

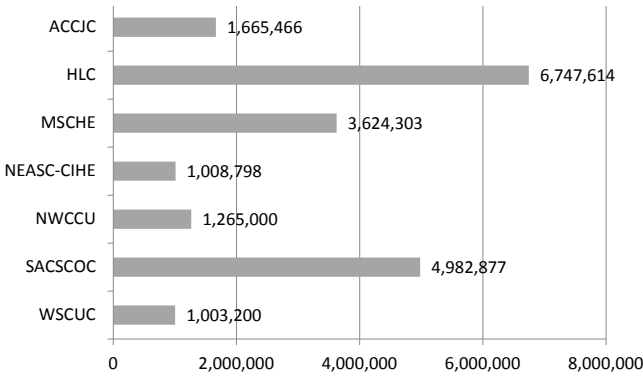


Figure 2-2
Regional
(20,297,258)

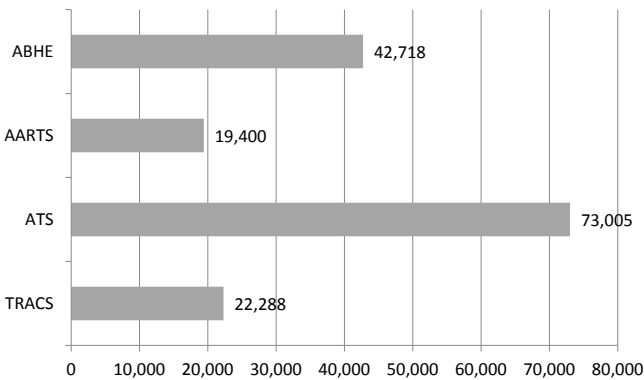


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National Faith-Related
(157,411)

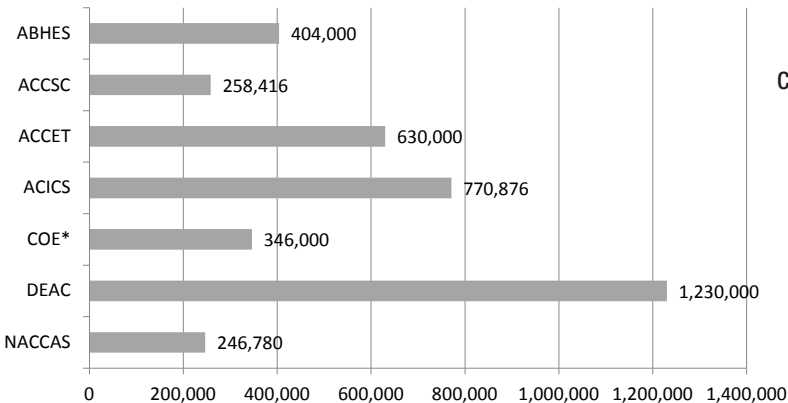


Figure 2-4
National Career-Related
(3,540,072**)

*COE reports full-time equivalent enrollment.

**COE enrollment not included.

III. Accredited Programs

Figure 3-1

Programmatic Accreditation by Degree- or Non-Degree-Granting Status, 2012-2013*

	Public	Private Nonprofit	Private For-Profit	Institutional Control Not Indicated	Total
Degree	9,587	5,904	4,522	18,715	38,728
Non-Degree	1,190	532	445	1,791	3,958
Total	10,777	6,436	4,967	20,506	42,686

* Thirteen programmatic accreditors did not provide these data for 2012-2013. In these cases, data from 2010-2011 (or in two cases, 2008-2009) were used.

Figure 3-2

Programmatic Accreditation

The 67 recognized programmatic accrediting organizations accredit programs or free-standing institutions that enrolled more than 3.9 million students in 2012-2013. This figure includes all programmatic accreditors that are or have been recognized by CHEA or the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) and are currently engaged in accreditation activities. It indicates the date founded, number of schools or programs and number of students enrolled.

ACCREDITOR	Date Founded	Number of Programs*	Number of Students
AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	1916	11,866	937,505
ABET	1932	3,369	**
Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine	1982	65	8,534
Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education	2003	4	**
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing	1997	1,282	**
Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education	1955	39	1,136
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs	1988	7,568	**
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition Dietetics	1917	569	24,052
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education	1932	130	55,000
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.	1971	181	22,232
Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications	1945	110	85,000
American Academy for Liberal Education	1992	21	54,000
American Academy of Forensic Sciences - Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission	2002	40	3,367
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education	1946	116	5,740

* This number reflects a very large increase in accredited programs as compared to the 2011 Almanac. The primary cause of this increase is the change in reporting from several accreditors that reflects counting a program at each location at which it is offered, even if it is the same program. In addition, programmatic accrediting organizations were requested to provide the number of programs they accredited rather than the number of institutions that house the programs.

** Not available or not applicable.

III. Accredited Programs

Figure 3-2 (continued)

Programmatic Accreditation

ACCREDITOR	Date Founded	Number of Programs	Number of Students
American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Council for Accreditation	1909	48	*
American Bar Association Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar	1893	202	139,262
American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation	1958	57	5,896
American Council for Construction Education	1974	85	15,000
American Culinary Federation Foundation, Inc. Accrediting Commission	1929	496	28,000
American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation	1975	1,446	54,549
American Library Association Committee on Accreditation	1924	62	16,574
American Occupational Therapy Association Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education	1923	319	26,057
American Optometric Association Accreditation Council on Optometric Education	1934	26	7,086
American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation	1897	26	21,741
American Physical Therapy Association Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education	1928	541	41,179
American Podiatric Medical Association Council on Podiatric Medical Education	1918	9	2,435
American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation	1948	952	28,000
American Society for Microbiology American College of Microbiology	1899	14	15
American Society of Landscape Architects Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board	1899	95	6,800
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	1925	328	19,679
American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education	1863	46	22,600
Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission	1967	381	8,607
Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering	1967	432	*
Aviation Accreditation Board International	1988	75	11,803
Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education	2006	338	35,000
Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care	1954	448	19,471
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs	1994	2,128	75,000
Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education	1968	74	5,200

*Not available or not applicable.

Figure 3-2 (continued)

Programmatic Accreditation

ACCREDITOR	Date Founded	Number of Programs	Number of Students
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education	1996	1,128	324,570
Commission on English Language Program Accreditation	1999	233	600,000
Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation	1996	85	8,000
Commission on Opticianry Accreditation	1985	21	470
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs	1981	603	39,502
Council for Interior Design Accreditation	1970	180	21,500
Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs	1975	113	5,115
Council on Chiropractic Education Commission on Accreditation	1971	15	10,000
Council on Education for Public Health	1974	153	25,000
Council on Naturopathic Medical Education	1978	7	1,800
Council on Rehabilitation Education Commission on Accreditation	1972	98	5,108
Council on Social Work Education Office of Social Work Accreditation Commission on Accreditation	1952	723	113,903
International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education	1997	1039	*
International Fire Service Accreditation Congress-Degree Assembly	1990	26	2,750
Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology	1971	727	35,322
Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology	1970	87	1,350
Liaison Committee on Medical Education	1942	158	74,394
Midwifery Education Accreditation Council	1991	10	497
Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education	1991	123	2,200
National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences	1973	604	9,531
National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc.	1940	117	43,310
National Association of Schools of Art and Design Commission on Accreditation	1944	307	163,234
National Association of Schools of Dance Commission on Accreditation	1981	72	5,499
National Association of Schools of Music Commission on Accreditation and Commission on Community/Junior College Accreditation	1924	635	119,715
National Association of Schools of Theatre Commission on Accreditation	1969	175	22,940
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education	1954	662	320,000
National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council	1967	40	1,661

*Not available or not applicable.

III. Accredited Programs

Figure 3-2 (continued)

Programmatic Accreditation

ACCREDITOR	Date Founded	Number of Programs	Number of Students
National Recreation and Park Association/Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions	1965	79	10,000
Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation	1970	180	29,000
Planning Accreditation Board	1984	88	6,414
Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System	1995	21	735
Society of American Foresters	1900	68	4,500
Teacher Education Accreditation Council	1997	121	130,000
PROGRAMMATIC SUBTOTALS	---	42,686*	3,954,540*
GRAND TOTAL (Institutions and programs; students)	---	50,582**	27,949,281**

* Ten programmatic accreditors did not provide this data for 2012-2013. In nine cases, data from 2010-2011 were used. Data from 2008-2009 were used for one accreditor.

** Thirteen accreditors did not provide this data for 2012-2013. In 11 cases, data from 2010-2011 were used. Data from 2008-2009 were used for two accreditors.

IV. Characteristics of Accrediting Organizations

Accrediting organizations employed more than 830 full- and part-time staff in 2012-2013 and reported operating budgets that totaled approximately \$137,614,383. They worked with more than 19,600 volunteers who served on accreditation teams, commissions and task forces.

Figure 4-1

Number of Paid Employees and Accrediting Unit Operating Budget in 2012-2013*

	Full-time Employees	Part-time Employees	2012-2013 Operating Budget
Regional Accrediting Organizations	161	10	\$32,110,553
National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations	23	13	\$3,146,480
National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations	167	7	\$27,305,852
Programmatic Accrediting Organizations	369	82	\$75,051,518
Totals	720	112	\$137,614,383

Figure 4-2

Number of Volunteers and Volunteer Financial Support in 2012-2013**

Accrediting organizations rely on volunteers in the higher education community and the public to carry out the important function of peer review. In general, these volunteers are unpaid (other than reimbursement of expenses) and serve on visiting teams, accreditation decision-making bodies and other task forces or committees of accrediting organizations.

	Total Volunteers Available	2012-2013 Volunteers	2012-2013 Volunteer Financial Support
Regional Accrediting Organizations	19,162	4,314	\$4,153,397
National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations	1,051	463	\$180,000
National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations	5,407	3,023	\$6,279,125
Programmatic Accrediting Organizations	26,741	11,874	\$13,170,460
Totals	54,361	19,674	\$23,782,982

* Thirteen programmatic accreditors did not provide these data for 2012-2013. In 11 cases, data from 2010-2011 were used. Data from 2008-2009 were used for two accreditors.

** Sixteen accreditors indicated that they provided no financial support for their volunteers and another 25 indicated that this question was not applicable to their organization or else did not respond to the question. Volunteers' honoraria and travel expenses are often provided by the institutions that they are visiting.

Figure 4-3

Formal Actions Taken by Accrediting Organizations, 2012-2013*

Accrediting organizations take a range of formal actions when reviewing an institution or program for initial or continuing accreditation. This chart indicates the types and frequency of actions reported by accrediting organizations arrayed by type of organization. Accrediting organizations do not use a common set of definitions for these actions. Please contact individual accreditors for additional information about use of these terms.

Accreditation Action	Regional	National Faith-Related	National Career-Related	Programmatic	Totals
Initial Candidacy or Pre-accreditation granted	18	20	156	447	641
Initial Candidacy or Pre-accreditation denied	4	1	22	46	73
Initial Accreditation granted	13	17	355	1,308	1,693
Initial Accreditation denied	0	1	34	54	89
Accreditation continued following comprehensive review	266	21	646	2,681	3,614
Accreditation continued following comprehensive review with required follow-up	195	33	590	1,151	1,969
Notice or Warning	60	20	26	123	229
Probation	22	8	70	128	228
Show Cause	5	2	374	17	398
Accreditation Terminated or Removed	3	0	14	116	133
Actions Under Appeal	1	7	34	22	64
Other**	580	3	305	754	1,642
Totals	1,167	133	2,626	6,847	10,773

* Thirteen programmatic accreditors did not provide these data for 2012-2013. In 11 cases, data from 2010-2011 were used. Data from 2008-2009 were used for two accreditors. In seven cases, data were not available or were partially incomplete for these variables.

** Some accrediting organizations reported additional types of actions. Examples include substantive changes, voluntary withdrawal, special purpose visits, program closure.

V. International Accreditation Activity

Figure 5-1

Number and Location of Non-U.S. Institutions and Programs Operating Outside the United States and Accredited by Recognized U.S. Accrediting Organizations, 2012-2013*

Forty-six (46) accrediting organizations were active in 84 countries outside the United States in 2012-2013, accrediting 1,077 non-U.S. operations.

Regional Accrediting Organizations	Number of Institutions or Programs	Countries and U.S. Commonwealths and Territories
Accrediting Commission For Community and Junior Colleges Western Association of Schools and Colleges	4	American Samoa, Guam, Micronesia (Federated States of), Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands
Mid-Atlantic Region Commission on Higher Education Middle States Commission on Higher Education	16	Canada, Chile, Egypt, England, France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates
New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education	10	Bermuda, Bulgaria, Greece, Lebanon, Morocco, Switzerland
Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities**	2	Canada
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges	6	Costa Rica, Mexico, United Arab Emirates
WASC Senior College and University Commission	3	Armenia, Kenya, Mexico
Regional Accrediting Organizations Total	41	26 countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)

National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations

Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation	18	Austria, Canada
The Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools	35	Canada
Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Accreditation Commission	2	China, Taiwan
National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations Total	55	4 countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)

National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations

Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training***	8	Colombia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela
Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools	6	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Cayman Islands, Denmark, India, Kenya, Mexico, Vietnam
Council on Occupational Education	13	Lebanon, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia
National Career-Related Organizations Total	27	14 countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)

Programmatic Accrediting Organizations

AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	190	Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, England, Finland, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, Wales
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* Includes institutions and programs in Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Pacific Islands.

** NWCCU data are for 2008-2009.

*** ACCET data are for 2010-2011.

ABET	367	Bahrain, Chile, Colombia, Egypt, Germany, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, United Arab Emirates
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing	1	Scotland
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs	84	Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Macedonia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, Panama, Peru, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics/ Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics	2	Mexico, South Korea
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education	1	Lebanon
Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications	2	Chile, Qatar
American Academy for Liberal Education*	11	Canada, England, Georgia, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Singapore
American Academy of Forensic Sciences Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission	2	Canada
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education	3	Canada
American Council for Construction Education	1	Canada
American Culinary Federation Foundation, Inc. Accrediting Commission	6	Bermuda, Bulgaria, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Switzerland
American Library Association Committee on Accreditation	8	Canada
American Optometric Association Accreditation Council on Optometric Education	2	Canada
American Physical Therapy Association Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education	3	Canada, Scotland
American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation	10	Canada
American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education	16	Australia, Canada, England, Ireland, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Scotland
Aviation Accreditation Board International	1	Canada
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs	1	Canada
Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education	3	Canada
Commission on English Language Program Accreditation	20	Colombia, Egypt, Greece, Kuwait, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs	2	Canada, Mexico
Council for Interior Design Accreditation	6	Canada
Council on Education for Public Health	6	Canada, Grenada, Lebanon, Mexico
Council on Naturopathic Medical Education	2	Canada
International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education	154	Czech Republic, France, Guam, Guatemala, India, Italy, Lebanon, Macedonia, Netherlands, North Cyprus, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Spain, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates
International Fire Service Accreditation Congress-Degree Assembly	1	Saudi Arabia
Liaison Committee on Medical Education	17	Canada

* American Academy for Liberal Education data are for 2010-2011.

V. International Accreditation Activity

Figure 5-1 (continued)

Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education	25	Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, England, Ireland, Mexico, Nigeria, Oman, Puerto Rico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea
National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences	2	Canada, Qatar
Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation	1	China
Planning Accreditation Board	2	Canada
Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System	1	Canada
Society of American Foresters	1	Canada
Programmatic Accrediting Organizations Total	954	73 Countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)
Grand Total	1,077	84 Countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)

Figure 5-2

Number and Location of U.S. Institutions and Programs Operating Outside the United States and Accredited by Recognized U.S. Accrediting Organizations, 2012-2013*

Twenty-two (22) accrediting organizations were active in 116 countries outside the United States in 2012-2013, accrediting 409 U.S. operations.

Regional Accrediting Organizations	Number of Institutions or Programs	Countries and U.S. Commonwealths and Territories
Higher Learning Commission	63	Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, England, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guam, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates
Mid-Atlantic Region Commission on Higher Education Middle states Commission on Higher Education	82	Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, British Indian Ocean Territory, Bulgaria, Burma, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, England, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guam, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yugoslavia, Zambia
New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education	22	Australia, Belgium, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, England, France, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Italy, Jamaica, Kuwait, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Mexico, Nicaragua, Northern Mariana Islands, Oman, Panama, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges**	67	Costa Rica, Mexico, United Arab Emirates
WASC Senior College and University Commission	50	American Samoa, Canada, China, France, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Republic of Palau, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Ukraine, Vietnam
Regional Accrediting Organizations Total	284	111 countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)

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* Includes institutions and programs in Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Pacific Islands.

** SACSCOC data are for 2010-2011.

V. International Accreditation Activity

Figure 5-2 (continued)

National Faith-Related Organizations

Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools	13	Australia, Brazil, Costa Rica, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Myanmar, Philippines, Romania, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Ukraine
Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Accreditation Commission	5	Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, China, England, Philippines, South Korea, Spain
National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations Total	18	25 countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)

National Career-Related Organizations

Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges	1	Singapore
Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges Schools	14	France, Germany, Spain
Council on Occupational Education	13	Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain
Distance Education Accrediting Commission	1	Canada
National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations Total	29	10 countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)

Programmatic Accrediting Organizations

ABET*	28	Qatar
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs	25	Afghanistan, Canada, China, England, Germany, Greece, Guam, Italy, Malaysia, Netherlands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam
American Academy for Liberal Education**	1	Singapore
American Culinary Federation Foundation, Inc.	1	Puerto Rico
American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation	1	Trinidad and Tobago
American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education	2	West Indies
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education	2	Lebanon
Council for Interior Design Accreditation	1	Qatar
International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education	12	Afghanistan, Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Belgium, Bolivia, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, England, Germany, Greece, Guam, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Kosovo, Kuwait, Macedonia, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam
Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education	4	China, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Taiwan
Society of American Foresters	1	Canada
Programmatic Accrediting Organizations Total	78	51 Countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)
Grand Total	409	116 Countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)

* ABET data are for 2010-2011.

** AALE data are for 2010-2011.

Figure 5-3

Summary: Number of U.S. and Non-U.S. Institutions and Programs Operating Outside the United States and Accredited by Recognized U.S. Accrediting Organizations, 2012-2013

Accrediting Organizations	Institutions and Programs Accredited		
	U.S.	Non-U.S.	Total
Regional	284	41	375
National Faith-Related	18	55	73
National Career-Related	29	27	56
Programmatic	78	954	1,032
Total	409	1,077	1,486

VI. Recognition

Accrediting organizations are “recognized” or scrutinized for quality by either the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or the United States Department of Education (USDE) or both. This periodic review is based on the standards established by CHEA or USDE for this purpose.

Figure 6-1

Total Number of Accrediting Organizations Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and Total Number of Accrediting Organizations Recognized by the U.S. Department of Education

	CHEA	USDE
Regional	6	7
Faith-Related	4	4
Career-Related	2	7
Programmatic	48	34
Totals	60	52

Figure 6-2

Total Number of Accrediting Organizations Recognized Only by the U.S. Department of Education, Total Number of Accrediting Organizations Recognized Only by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, and Total Number of Accrediting Organizations Recognized by Both the USDE and CHEA

	USDE and CHEA	USDE only	CHEA only
Regional	6	1	0
Faith-Related	4	0	0
Career-Related	2	5	0
Programmatic	15	19	33
Totals	27	25	33

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Recognized Accrediting Organizations (as of September 2012)

This chart lists regional, national faith-related, national career-related and programmatic accreditors that are or have been recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) or both. Organizations identified by (•) are recognized; (-) indicates those not currently recognized. An asterisk (*) identifies accrediting organizations that were formerly recognized.

CHEA-recognized organizations must meet CHEA eligibility standards (http://www.chea.org/pdf/Recognition_Policy-June_28_2010-FINAL.pdf). Accreditors exercise independent judgment about whether to seek CHEA recognition. For USDE recognition, accreditation from the organization is used by an institution or program to establish eligibility to participate in federal student aid or other federal programs (www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/index.html). Some accreditors cannot be considered for USDE recognition because they do not provide access to federal funds. Other accreditors have chosen not to pursue USDE recognition.

Because CHEA affiliation and USDE recognition depend on a range of factors, readers are strongly cautioned against making judgments about the quality of an accrediting organization and its institutions and programs based solely on CHEA or USDE status. Additional inquiry is essential. If you have questions about the CHEA or USDE recognition status of an accreditor, please contact the accrediting organization.

This chart is updated when the CHEA Board of Directors recognizes or withdraws recognition of an accrediting organization and when the United States Secretary of Education recognizes or withdraws recognition of an accrediting organization. Please visit the CHEA website at: www.chea.org

ACCREDITOR	CHEA Recognition Status	USDE Recognition Status
REGIONAL ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS		
Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges Western Association of Schools and Colleges*	•	•
Higher Learning Commission**	•	•
Middle States Commission on Higher Education	•	•
New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education	•	•
New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Technical and Career Institutions	*	*
Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities	*	•
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges	•	•
WASC Senior College and University Commission***	•	•
NATIONAL FAITH-RELATED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS		
Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation	•	•
Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools Accreditation Commission	•	•
The Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools	•	•
Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Accreditation Commission	•	•

* Formerly Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC-ACCJC), Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. Name change effective November 2012.

** Formerly The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Name change effective October 2014.

*** Formerly Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC-ACSCU), Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities. Name change effective December 2012.

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ACCREDITOR	CHEA Recognition Status	USDE Recognition Status
NATIONAL CAREER-RELATED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS		
Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools	–	•
Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges	–	•
Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training	–	•
Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools	•	•
Council on Occupational Education	–	•
Distance Education Accrediting Commission*	•	•
National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences, Inc.	–	•
PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS		
AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	•	*
ABET	•	*
Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine	–	•
Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education	•	–
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing**	•	•
Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education	–	•
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs	•	*
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics	*	•
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education	•	•
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.	•	–
Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications	•	*
American Academy for Liberal Education	–	*
American Academy of Forensic Sciences Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission	•	–
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education	•	•
American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Council for Accreditation	•	–
American Bar Association Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar	–	•
American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation	•	•
American Council for Construction Education	•	*
American Culinary Federation Education Foundation, Inc. Accrediting Commission	•	*
American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation	–	•

* Formerly Distance Education Training Council. Name change effective January 2015.

** Formerly National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. (NLNAC). Name change effective June 2014.

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ACCREDITOR	CHEA Recognition Status	USDE Recognition Status
American Library Association Committee on Accreditation	●	*
American Occupational Therapy Association Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education	●	●
American Optometric Association Accreditation Council on Optometric Education	●	●
American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation	*	●
American Physical Therapy Association Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education	●	●
American Podiatric Medical Association Council on Podiatric Medical Education	●	●
American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation	●	●
American Society for Microbiology American College of Microbiology	—	*
American Society of Landscape Architects Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board	●	*
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	●	●
American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education	●	●
Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission	—	●
Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering	●	*
Aviation Accreditation Board International	●	—
Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education	●	—
Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care	●	—
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs	●	*
Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education	●	●
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education	*	●
Commission on English Language Program Accreditation	—	●
Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation	—	●
Commission on Opticianry Accreditation	●	*
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs	●	—
Council for Interior Design Accreditation	●	*
Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs	●	●
Council on Chiropractic Education	●	●
Council on Education for Public Health	—	●
Council on Naturopathic Medical Education	—	●

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ACCREDITOR	CHEA Recognition Status	USDE Recognition Status
Council on Rehabilitation Education Commission on Standards and Accreditation	•	*
Council on Social Work Education Office of Social Work Accreditation	•	*
International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education	•	–
International Fire Service Accreditation Congress Degree Assembly	•	–
Joint Review Committee on Education Programs in Radiologic Technology	•	•
Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology	•	*
Liaison Committee on Medical Education	–	•
Midwifery Education Accreditation Council	–	•
Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education	–	•
National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences	•	*
National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc.	–	*
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health Council on Accreditation	–	*
National Association of Schools of Art and Design Commission on Accreditation	*	•
National Association of Schools of Dance Commission on Accreditation	*	•
National Association of Schools of Music Commission on Accreditation	*	•
National Association of Schools of Theatre Commission on Accreditation	*	•
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education*	•	•
National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council	–	*
National Recreation and Park Association Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Related Professions	•	–
Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation**	•	–
Planning Accreditation Board	•	–
Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System	•	—
Society of American Foresters	•	*
Teacher Education Accreditation Council Accreditation Committee*	•	•
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission on Certification and Accreditation	–	*

* Effective July 2013, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) are in the process of a consolidation and transition to the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). NCATE and TEAC will sunset after their final accreditation cycles in fall 2013. NCATE and TEAC are administered through CAEP.

** Formerly National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation. Name change effective March 2013.

Appendix

Key to Abbreviations for Institutional Accrediting Organizations

REGIONAL Accrediting Organizations

ACCJC	Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges Western Association of Schools and Colleges
HLC	Higher Learning Commission
MSCHE	Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Middle States Commission on Higher Education
NEASC-CIHE	New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
NWCCU	Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
SACSCOC	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
WSCUC	WASC Senior College and University Commission

NATIONAL FAITH-RELATED Accrediting Organizations

ABHE	Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation
AARTS	Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools Accreditation Commission
ATS	The Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools
TRACS	Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Accrediting Commission

NATIONAL CAREER-RELATED Accrediting Organizations

ABHES	Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools
ACCSC	Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges
ACCET	Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training
ACICS	Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools
COE	Council on Occupational Education
DEAC	Distance Education Accrediting Commission
NACCAS	National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences, Inc.

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Key to Abbreviations for Programmatic Accrediting Organizations

PROGRAMMATIC Accrediting Organizations

AACSB	AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
ABET	ABET
ACAOM	Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
ACAE	Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education
ACEN	Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
ACME	Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education American College of Nurse-Midwives
ACBSP	Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs
ACEND	Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
ACPE	Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
ARC-PA	Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.
ACEJMC	Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications
AALE	American Academy for Liberal Education
AAFS-FEPAC	American Academy of Forensic Sciences Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission
AAMFT-COAMFTE	American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education
AAFCS-CFA	American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Council for Accreditation
ABA	American Bar Association Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
ABFSE	American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation
ACCE	American Council for Construction Education
ACEEF	American Culinary Federation's Education Foundation, Inc. Accrediting Commission
ADA	American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation
ALA-CoA	American Library Association Committee on Accreditation
AOTA-ACOTE	American Occupational Therapy Association Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education
AOA-ACOE	American Optometric Association Accreditation Council on Optometric Education
AOA-COCA	American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation
APTA-CAPTE	American Physical Therapy Association Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education

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Key to Abbreviations for Programmatic Accrediting Organizations

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APMA-CPME	American Podiatric Medical Association Council on Podiatric Medical Education
APA-CoA	American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation
ASM-ACM	American Society for Microbiology American College of Microbiology
ASLA-LAAB	American Society of Landscape Architects Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board
ASHA-CAA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
AVMA	American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education
ACPE	Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission
ATMAE	Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering
AABI	Aviation Accreditation Board International
CAHIIM	Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education
CoARC	Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care
CAAHEP	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
CAHME	Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education
CCNE	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
CEA	Commission on English Language Program Accreditation
COMTA	Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation
COA	Commission on Opticianry Accreditation
CACREP	Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs
CIDA	Council for Interior Design Accreditation
COA	Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
CCE	Council on Chiropractic Education Commission on Accreditation
CEPH	Council on Education for Public Health
CNME	Council on Naturopathic Medical Education
CORE	Council on Rehabilitation Education Commission on Standards and Accreditation
CSWE	Council on Social Work Education Office of Social Work Accreditation
IACBE	International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education
IFSAC-DA	International Fire Service Accreditation Congress Degree Assembly
JRCERT	Joint Review Committee on Education Programs in Radiologic Technology
JRCNMT	Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology

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Key to Abbreviations for Programmatic Accrediting Organizations

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LCME	Liaison Committee on Medical Education
MEAC	Midwifery Education Accreditation Council
MACTE	Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education
NAACLS	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences
NAAB	National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc.
NASAD	National Association of Schools of Art and Design Commission on Accreditation
NASD	National Association of Schools of Dance Commission on Accreditation
NASM	National Association of Schools of Music Commission on Accreditation and Commission on Community/Junior College Accreditation
NAST	National Association of Schools of Theatre Commission on Accreditation
NCATE	National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
EHAC	National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council
COAPRT	National Recreation and Park Association Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Related Professions
NASPAA	Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation
PAB	Planning Accreditation Board
PCSAS	Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System
SAF	Society of American Foresters
TEAC	Teacher Education Accreditation Council

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