

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

ASSOCIATION OF REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES- COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION (ARTS-COA)

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: Institutional

Number of Institutions: 7

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

ARTS Commission on Accreditation accredits United States based institutions and other locations as determined by the Commission on Accreditation, which offer baccalaureate and/or graduate degrees in fields aimed at preparing students for Christian service and ministry through biblical and theological studies of Reformed traditions. (2024)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Action deferred on recognition for one year, January 2023

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, May 13, 2024

Decision: The CHEA Board of Directors awarded initial CHEA recognition for a term of seven years with a Follow-up Report due April 1, 2025 and an Interim Report due at the midpoint of the recognition term (October 1, 2027). The Follow-up Report is to specifically address Standard 1.A. which seeks evidence that the accrediting organization implements and enforces standards, policies and procedures which advance academic quality using quantitative and/or qualitative measures, Standard 2.B. which seeks evidence the accrediting organization implements and upholds standards, policies or procedures that require accredited institutions and programs to provide current, readily accessible, accurate data to the public regarding student learning outcomes and/or achievement data and Standard 3.C. which seeks evidence the accrediting organization demonstrates that it bases its accreditation decisions on how well an institution or program meets its accreditation standards.

Summary of Prior Recognition Decisions

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 23, 2023: The Committee on Recognition informed the CHEA Board of Directors that it deferred action on recognition for one year. ARTS-COA is to submit a response addressing CHEA Standards 1.A. (advance academic quality using quantitative and/or qualitative measures), 2.A. (inform the public of institution's accreditation status and the reasons for the action within 30 days of the decision-making meeting in a readily accessible manner), 2.B. (provide current, readily accessible, accurate data to the public regarding student learning outcomes and/or achievement data), 2.D. (timely action to prevent substantially underperforming programs from maintaining accreditation), 3.C. (base accreditation decisions on how well the institution meets the accreditation standards), 3.D. (meet all standards within a specified period of time not to exceed four years), 3.F. (has a process to ensure consistency in accreditation reviews and accreditation actions while allowing for varying institutional or programmatic mission, purpose and operation), 3.J. (ensures procedural due process in accreditation activities) and 4.B. (notifies the appropriate international authorities or governmental agencies from which it receives legal authorization to operate of its intent and seeks guidance regarding the accrediting organization's current and proposed activities).

Profile, scope and recognition information as of May 22, 2024