

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

NETWORK OF SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC POLICY, AFFAIRS, AND ADMINISTRATION (NASPAA) COMMISSION ON PEER REVIEW AND ACCREDITATION (COPRA)

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: 209

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

NASPAA-COPRA accredits Master's degree programs in public and nonprofit policy, affairs, and administration globally. (2020)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Initial recognition by CHEA in January 2004
Recognition for up to 10 years, April 28-29, 2014

Most Recent Recognition Action

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

Decision: The CHEA Board of Directors awarded continuing 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 2.C. which seeks evidence that the accrediting organization implements and upholds standards, policies and procedures which require a timely response to all public concerns and complaints regarding an institution, a program or the accrediting organization, Standard 3.H. which seeks evidence the accrediting organization maintains independence from any sponsoring and/or parent organization with respect to all accreditation activities, reviews, actions and decisions and Standard 4.B. which seeks evidence the accrediting organization 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.

Summary of Prior Recognition Decisions

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, April 28-29, 2014: 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 Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (NASPAA-COPRA). 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).

NASPAA-COPRA 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 May 22, 2024