

# COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

## RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

### COUNCIL FOR ACCREDITATION OF COUNSELING AND RELATED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS (CACREP)

In accordance with the [2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraph 43](#), this summary of recognition status describes the formal action taken by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Board of Directors with regard to an accrediting organization seeking recognition by CHEA.

#### **Profile of Accrediting Organization**

Type of Accrerator:            Programmatic

Number of Programs:        622

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

*CACREP accredits master's and doctoral degree programs in counseling and its specialties that are offered by colleges and universities in the United States and throughout the world. (2013)*

#### **CHEA Recognition Information**

History:                        Recognized by CHEA in April 2002; January 2015

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

Date:                            CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 26, 2015

Decision:                      Recognition up to ten years

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). 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).

CACREP demonstrated that it meets these standards and that its accreditation process is consistent with the quality, improvement and accountability expectations that CHEA has established.

#### **Prior Actions on CACREP's Application for Recognition**

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting April 29-30, 2013: The committee on recognition and the board of directors reviewed the formal request for change of CHEA-recognized scope of accreditation. The board of directors accepted the committee's recommendation and approved the request for change of scope.

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting January 28, 2013: The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). 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).

The Board of Directors deferred recognition and CACREP's request for a change of scope in order to obtain additional evidence that CACREP (1) implements procedures for informing the public of the basis for final decisions to grant or

reaffirm accreditation and, in the case of denial or withdrawal of accreditation, to provide specific reasons for the decision, accompanied by a response related to the final decision from the institution or program (Paragraph 12(B)(5), *2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*); and (2) implements accreditation standards or policies that require programs 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 Recognition Policy and Procedures*).

The CHEA recognition policy requires that an accrediting organization undergo a recognition review least every 10 years and submit two interim reports.

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