

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION (NRPA) COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION OF PARKS, RECREATION, TOURISM AND RELATED PROFESSIONS (COAPRT)

In accordance with the [2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraph 43](#), this summary 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 Accreditor: Programmatic

Number of Programs: 79

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

The Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT) accredits baccalaureate programs that prepare students for professions whose expertise and services support the social and economic activities associated with recreation, travel, and/or leisure activities and experiences, within the United States and its territories, Canada, and Mexico. (2013)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Recognized by CHEA in January 2003

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, April 28-29, 2014

Decision: Recognition for up to 10 years with a report

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT). 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).

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

Additional Determination: COAPRT is required to provide a report describing completion of implementation of the CHEA Recognition Standard 12(B)(1) that accredited programs are directly providing program-level student achievement data to the public (Paragraph 12 (B)(1), [2010 CHEA 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.