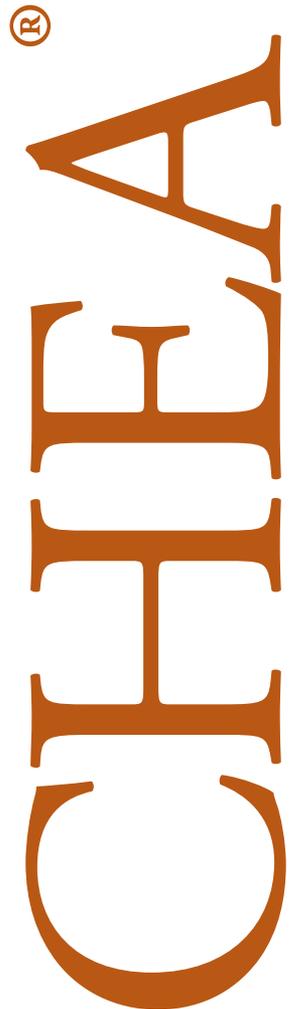


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I. Accredited Institutions

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 7,818 institutions in 2010-2011.

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

Regional	3,050
National Faith-Related	470
National Career-Related	4,298
TOTAL	7,818

Figure 1-2
Number of Institutions Accredited by National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations (470)

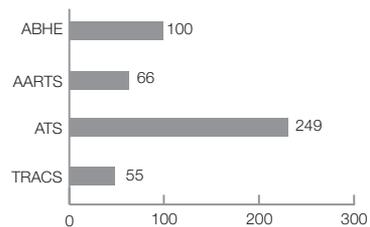
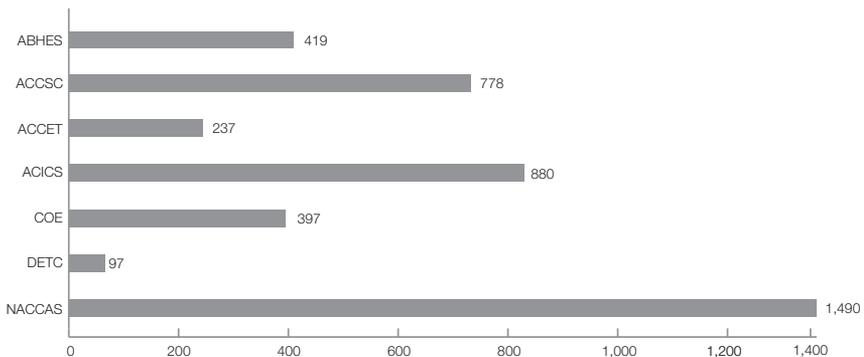


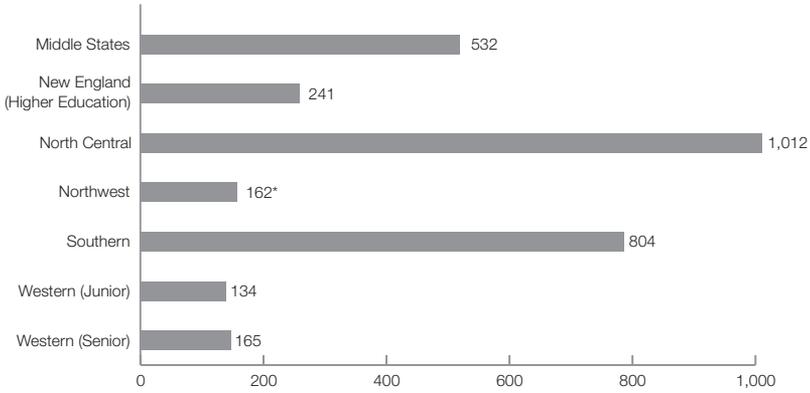
Figure 1-3
Number of Institutions Accredited by National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations (4,298)



I. Accredited Institutions

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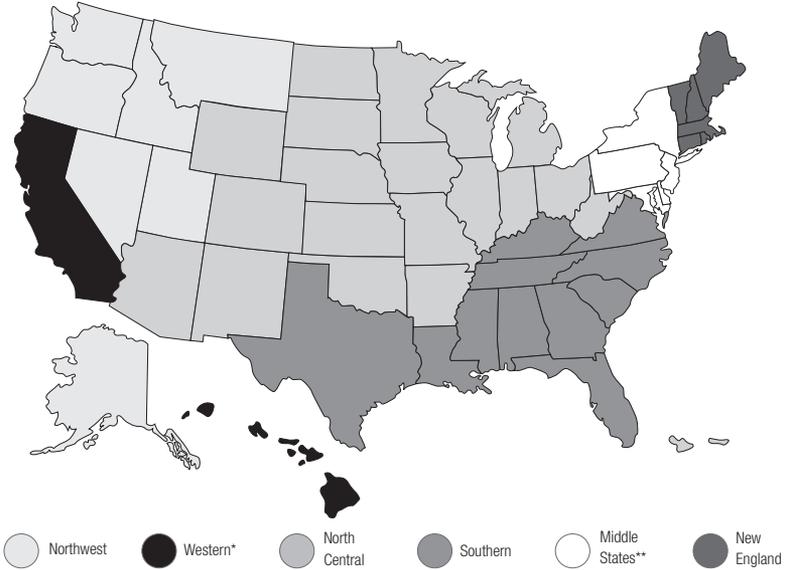
Number of Institutions Accredited by Regional Accrediting Organizations (3,050)



* Northwest data are 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

Institutional accrediting organizations accredit more degree-granting institutions (4,921) than non-degree-granting (2,897) and an equal number of nonprofit institutions (3,909) and for-profit (3,909).

		Public	Private Nonprofit	Private For-Profit	Total Institutions
Regional	<i>Degree</i>	1,561	1,383	106	3,050
	<i>Non-Degree</i>	0	0	0	0
	<i>Regional Total</i>	1,561	1,383	106	3,050
National Faith-Related	<i>Degree</i>	0	467	2	469
	<i>Non-Degree</i>	0	1	0	1
	<i>National Faith-Related Total</i>	0	468	2	470
National Career-Related	<i>Degree</i>	72	109	1,221	1,402
	<i>Non-Degree</i>	204	112	2,580	2,896
	<i>National Career-Related Total</i>	276	221	3,801	4,298
Total Institutions	<i>Degree</i>	1,633	1,959	1,329	4,921
	<i>Non-Degree</i>	204	113	2,580	2,897
Grand Totals		1,837	2,072	3,909	7,818

II. Students in Accredited Institutions

More than 24,900,000 students were enrolled in accredited institutions in 2010-2011. Regionally accredited institutions are home to more than 20,540,000 of these enrollees.

Figure 2-1

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

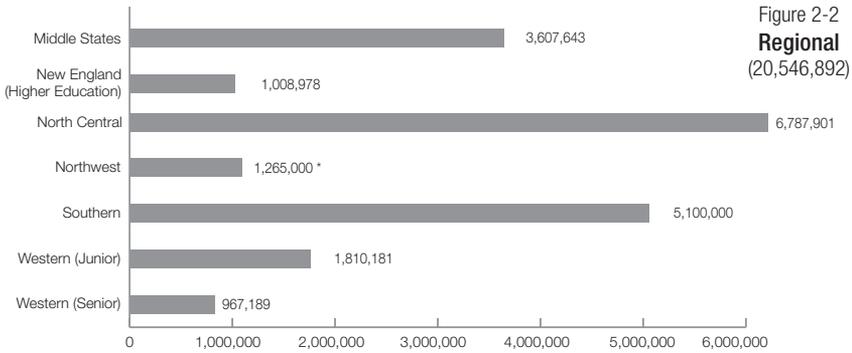
Regional	20,546,892
National Faith-Related	149,885
National Career-Related	4,525,829*
TOTAL	24,940,385*

*Council on Occupational Education enrollments not included.

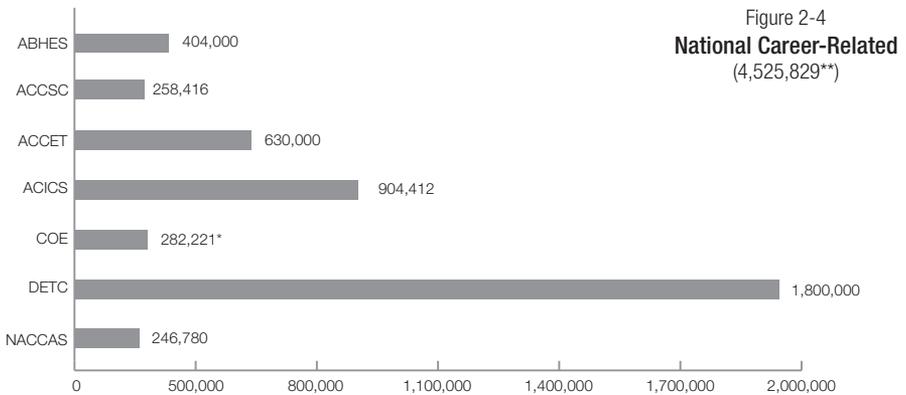
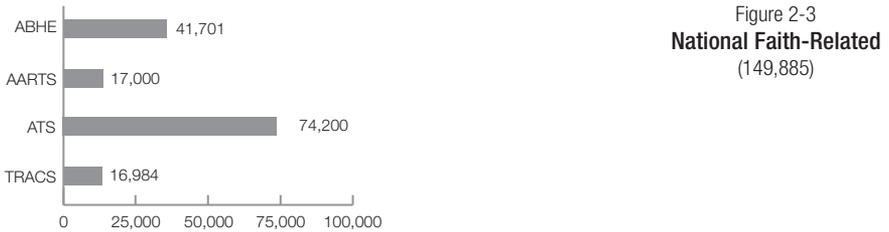
II. Students in Accredited Institutions

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Number of Students Enrolled in Institutions Accredited by Regional, National Faith-Related and National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations in 2010-2011



*Northwest Data are 2009



*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, 2010-2011*

	Public	Private Nonprofit	Private For-Profit	Institutional Control Not Indicated	Total
<i>Degree</i>	7,126	3,741	731	6,081	17,679
<i>Non-Degree</i>	1,470	464	346	1,113	3,393
Total	8,596	4,205	1,077	7,194	21,072

*Twelve accrediting organizations reporting programs and freestanding institutions; nine organizations not reporting degree-granting/non-degree-granting status.

Figure 3-2

Programmatic Accreditation

The 62 recognized programmatic accrediting organizations accredit programs or free-standing institutions that enrolled more than 3.4 million students in 2010-2011. This figure indicates the date founded, number of schools or programs and number of students enrolled.

ACCREDITOR	Date Founded	Number of Schools or Programs	Number of Students
AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	1916	644	937,505
ABET	1932	3,259	Not Available
Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine	1982	61	8,073
Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education	1955	39	1,136
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs	1988	567	Not Available
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education	1932	127	55,000
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.	1971	159	13,000
Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications	1945	111	85,000
American Academy for Liberal Education	1992	21	54,000
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education	1946	113	2,800
American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Council for Council for Accreditation	1909	49	Not Available
American Bar Association Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar	1893	200	157,298
American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation	1958	56	4,198

III. Accredited Programs

Figure 3-2 (continued)

Programmatic Accreditation

ACCREDITOR	Date Founded	Number of Schools or Programs	Number of Students
American Council for Construction Education	1974	78	15,000
American Culinary Federation Foundation, Inc. Accrediting Commission	1929	405	28,000
American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation	1975	1,449	52,985
American Dietetic Association Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition Dietetics	1917	568	22,203
American Library Association Committee on Accreditation	1924	63	20,019
American Occupational Therapy Association Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education	1923	297	21,897
American Optometric Association Accreditation Council on Optometric Education	1934	178	5,300
American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation	1897	26	19,427
American Physical Therapy Association Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education	1928	493	36,000
American Podiatric Medical Association Council on Podiatric Medical Education	1918	8	2,303
American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation	1948	910	26,000
American Society for Microbiology American College of Microbiology *	1899	14	15
American Society of Landscape Architects Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board	1899	86	6,800
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	1925	321	20,469
American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education	1863	45	19,000
Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission	1967	267	8,837
Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering	1967	501	Not Available
Aviation Accreditation Board International	1988	84	13,176
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs	1994	1,980	70,000
Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education	1968	67	5,200
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education	1996	1,014	324,414
Commission on English Language Program Accreditation	1999	99	300,000
Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation	1996	85	9,000
Commission on Opticianry Accreditation	1985	22	600
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs	1981	603	34,364
Council for Interior Design Accreditation	1970	172	26,400
Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs	1975	111	5,571
Council on Chiropractic Education Commission on Accreditation	1971	15	10,000

*Data are for 2009.

Figure 3-2 (continued)

Programmatic Accreditation

ACCREDITOR	Date Founded	Number of Schools or Programs	Number of Students
Council on Education for Public Health	1974	128	25,000
Council on Naturopathic Medical Education	1978	7	1,800
Council on Rehabilitation Education Commission on Standards and Accreditation	1972	98	5,108
Council on Social Work Education Office of Social Work Accreditation	1952	680	79,529
International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education	1997	893	Not Available
International Fire Service Accreditation Congress-Degree Assembly	1990	22	2,750
Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology	1971	737	36,100
Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology	1970	99	2,000
Liaison Committee on Medical Education	1942	137	74,394
Midwifery Education Accreditation Council	1991	10	497
Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education	1991	113	2,200
National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences	1973	570	8,100
National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc.	1940	151	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 Public Affairs and Administration Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation	1970	170	27,500
National Association of Schools of Theatre Commission on Accreditation	1969	175	22,940
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education	1954	667	320,000
National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council	1967	38	1,798
National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, Inc.	1997	1,240	Not Available
National Recreation and Park Association/Council on Accreditation	1965	82	10,000
Planning Accreditation Board	1984	87	7,220
Society of American Foresters	1900	58	4,500
Teacher Education Accreditation Council	1997	111	130,000
PROGRAMMATIC SUBTOTALS	---	22,654	3,452,832
GRAND TOTAL (Institutions and programs; students)	---	30,472	28,393,217

IV. Characteristics of Accrediting Organizations

Accrediting organizations employed more than 850 full- and part-time staff in 2010-2011 and reported operating budgets that totaled approximately \$114,121,871. They worked with more than 20,000 volunteers who served on accreditation teams, commissions and task forces.

Figure 4-1

Number of Paid Employees and Accrediting Unit Operating Budget in 2010-2011

	Full-time Employees	Part-time Employees	2010-2011 Operating Budget
Regional Accrediting Organizations	151	12	\$24,509,815
National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations	21	12	\$2,718,990
National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations	157	6	\$24,928,947
Programmatic Accrediting Organizations	422	72	\$61,964,119
Totals	751	102	\$114,121,871

Figure 4-2

Number of Volunteers and Volunteer Financial Support in 2010-2011

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	2010-2011 Volunteers	2010-2011 Volunteer Financial Support
Regional Accrediting Organizations	19,287	3,834	\$5,640,975
National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations	1,187	302	\$211,817
National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations	5,994	3,182	\$3,789,701
Programmatic Accrediting Organizations	26,778	13,449	\$11,832,058
Totals	54,246	20,761	\$21,474,551

Figure 4-3

Formal Actions Taken by Accrediting Organizations, 2010-2011

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	17	12	145	371	545
Initial Candidacy or Pre-accreditation denied	2	0	3	21	26
Initial Accreditation granted	16	6	267	819	1,108
Initial Accreditation denied	0	1	19	29	49
Accreditation continued following comprehensive review	239	35	723	2,282	3,279
Accreditation continued following comprehensive review with required follow-up	215	2	370	969	1,556
Notice or Warning	73	17	24	47	161
Probation	33	2	18	78	131
Show Cause	6	1	580	16	603
Accreditation Terminated or Removed	4	3	13	74	94
Actions Under Appeal	1	5	15	21	42
Other*	365	6	257	399	1,027
Totals	971	90	2,434	5,126	8,621

*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 (as of December 2011)*

Forty-two (42) accrediting organizations were active in 70 countries outside the United States in 2010-2011, accrediting 857 non-U.S. operations.

Regional Accrediting Organizations	Number of Institutions or Programs	U.S. Commonwealths, Territories and Countries
Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Middle States Commission on Higher Education	15	Canada, Chile, Egypt, France, Hungary, Italy, Lebanon, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom
New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education	6	Bulgaria, Greece, 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
Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities	3	Mexico
Regional Accrediting Organizations Total	32	15 countries
National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations		
Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation	19	Canada
Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada	36	Canada
Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Accrediting Commission	4	China, Guam, Philippines, Northern Mariana Islands
National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations Total	59	5 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	4	Cayman Islands, France, Germany, Spain
Council on Occupational Education	7	Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland
Distance Education and Training Council Accrediting Commission	1	Australia
National Career-Related Organizations Total	20	11 countries

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

Figure 5-1 (continued)

Programmatic Accrediting Organizations	Number of Institutions or Programs	U.S. Commonwealths, Territories and Countries
AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	165	Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Taiwan, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Qatar, Venezuela
ABET	246	Bahrain, Chile, Colombia, Egypt, Germany, India, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Macedonia, Mexico, Morocco, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Qatar, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, United Arab Emirates
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs	69	Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, El Salvadore, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Macedonia, Morocco, Netherlands, Panama, Peru, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education	1	Lebanon
Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications	1	Chile
American Academy for Liberal Education	11	Canada, Georgia, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, United Kingdom
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education	4	Canada
American Council for Construction Education	2	Australia, Canada
American Culinary Federation Foundation, Inc.	6	Bermuda, Peru, Philippines, Switzerland
American Dietetic Association Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education	2	Mexico, Republic of Korea
American Library Association Committee on Accreditation	7	Canada
American Optometric Association Accreditation Council on Optometric Education	2	Canada
American Physical Therapy Association Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education	3	Canada
American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation	28	Canada
American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education	15	Australia, Canada, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, United Kingdom
Aviation Accreditation Board International	5	Canada, Republic of Korea
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs	1	Canada

V. International Accreditation Activity

Figure 5-1 (continued)

Programmatic Accrediting Organizations	Number of Institutions or Programs	U.S. Commonwealths, Territories and Countries
Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education	3	Canada
Commission on English Language Program Accreditation	9	Egypt, Greece, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia
Council for Interior Design Accreditation	6	Canada
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs	2	Canada, Mexico
Council on Education for Public Health	5	Lebanon, Mexico, Puerto Rico
Council on Naturopathic Medical Education	2	Canada
International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education	99	France, Guam, Guatemala, India, Lebanon, Netherlands, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Republic of Macedonia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Arab Emirates
International Fire Service Accreditation Congress-Degree Assembly	1	Saudia Arabia
Liaison Committee on Medical Education	17	Canada
Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education	24	Canada, China, Dominican Republic, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, Saudia Arabia, South Africa, Taiwan, United Kingdom
National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences	5	Puerto Rico, Qatar
National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, Inc.	2	United Kingdom
Planning Accreditation Board	3	Canada, Puerto Rico
Programmatic Accrediting Organizations Total	746	67 Countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)
Grand Total	857	70 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 (as of December 2011)*

Twenty-one (21) accrediting organizations were active in 122 countries outside the United States in 2010-2011, accrediting 720 U.S. operations.

Regional Accrediting Organizations	Number of Institutions or Programs	U.S. Commonwealths, Territories and Countries
Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Middle States Commission on Higher Education	243	Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, British Indian Ocean Territory, Bulgaria, Burma, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, The Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guam, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kosovo, Kenya, Krygystan, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, St. Lucia, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Vietnam
New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education	59	Bahamas, Bahrain, Belgium, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Kuwait, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Mexico, Nicaragua, Northern Mariana Islands, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Venezuela
North Central Association - The Higher Learning Commission	198	Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Myanmar, Netherlands, Nigeria, Panama, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovak Republic, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Vietnam, Virgin Islands
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	70	Costa Rica, Mexico, United Arab Emirates
Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities	50	American Samoa, Austria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Guam, Hong Kong, China, India, Japan, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Federated States of Micronesia, Northern Mariana Islands, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand
Regional Accrediting Organizations Total	620	112 countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)

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

(continued)

V. International Accreditation Activity

Figure 5-2 (continued)

National Faith-Related Organizations		
Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada	20	Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa, Trinidad & Tobago, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Venezuela
Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Accreditation Commission	5	Bangladesh, China, Romania, Spain
National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations Total	25	23 countries
National Career-Related Organizations		
Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges Schools	21	Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom
Council on Occupational Education	7	Germany, Italy, Japan
Distance Education and Training Council Accreding Commission	1	Bahamas
National Career-Related Accrediting Organizations Total	29	10 countries
Programmatic Accrediting Organizations		
ABET	4	Qatar
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs *	16	Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Hungary, India, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Republic of Macedonia, Morocco, Netherlands, Panama, Peru, Qatar, Romania, Russia Federation, Rwanda, Saudia Arabia, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, United Arab Emirates
American Academy for Liberal Education	1	Singapore
American Culinary Federation Foundation, Inc.	1	Switzerland
American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation	1	Canada
American Optometric Association Accreditation Council on Optometric Education	1	Canada
American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education	2	Grenada, St. Kitts & Nevis
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education	3	Argentina, Japan, Lebanon, Taiwan, Thailand
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, Germany, Greece, Guam, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Kosovo, Kuwait, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Vietnam
Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education	4	Puerto Rico, Taiwan, Saudia Arabia
Programmatic Accrediting Organizations Total	46	67 Countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)
Grand Total	720	122 Countries (including U.S. Commonwealths and Territories)

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 (as of December 2011)

Accrediting Organizations	Institutions and Programs Accredited		
	U.S.	Non-U.S.	Total
Regional	620	32	652
National Faith-Related	25	59	84
National Career-Related	29	20	49
Programmatic	46	746	792
Total	720	857	1,538

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). This periodic review is based on the standards established by CHEA or USDE for this purpose.

Figure 6-1

Accrediting Organizations Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or the U.S. Department of Education (as of December 2011)*

	CHEA	USDE
Regional (7)	7	7
Faith-Related (4)	4	4
Career-Related (7)	2	7
Programmatic (62)	43	36
Totals (80)	56	54

Figure 6-2

Accrediting Organizations Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or the U.S. Department of Education or Both (as of December 2011)

	USDE and CHEA	USDE only	CHEA only
Regional (7)	7	0	0
Faith-Related (4)	4	0	0
Career-Related (7)	2	5	0
Programmatic (62)	17	19	26
Totals (80)	30	24	26

*Some accrediting organizations are recognized by both CHEA and USDE. See Figure 6-2.

VI. Recognition

Recognized Accrediting Organizations (as of May 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.

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ACCREDITOR	CHEA Recognition Status	USDE Recognition Status
REGIONAL ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS		
Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools 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	*	*
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools The Higher Learning Commission	●	●
Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities	*	●
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges	●	●
Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges	●	●
Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities	●	●
NATIONAL FAITH-RELATED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS		
Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation	●	●
Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools Accreditation Commission	●	●
The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada Commission on Accrediting	●	●
Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Accreditation Commission	●	●
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 and Training Council Accrediting Commission	●	●
National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences, Inc.	–	●

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ACCREDITOR	CHEA Recognition Status	USDE Recognition Status
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 Midwifery Education	—	●
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs	●	*
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 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 Accrediting Commission	●	*
American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation	—	●
American Dietetic Association Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics / Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics	*	●
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 of Allied Health Education Programs	●	*

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ACCREDITOR	CHEA Recognition Status	USDE Recognition Status
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	—	●
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 and Commission on Community/Junior College Accreditation	*	●
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration Commission on Peer Review and 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 League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.	●	●
National Recreation and Park Association Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Related Professions	●	—
Planning Accreditation Board	●	—
Society of American Forester	●	*
Teacher Education Accreditation Council Accreditation Committee	●	●
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission on Certification and Accreditation	—	*

Appendix

Key to Abbreviations for Institutional Accrediting Organizations

REGIONAL Accrediting Organizations

Middle States	Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Middle States Commission on Higher Education
New England (Higher Education)	New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
New England (Technical/Career)	New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Technical and Career Institutions
North Central	North Central Association of Colleges and Schools The Higher Learning Commission
Northwest	Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
Southern	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
Western (Junior)	Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
Western (Senior)	Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities

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	Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada
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
DETC	Distance Education and Training Council 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
ACBSP	Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs
ACME	Accreditation Council for Midwifery Education
ACPE	Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
ARCPA	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
AAMFT-COAMFT	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-CSLEAB	American Bar Association Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
ABFSE-COA	American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation
ACCE	American Council for Construction Education
ACF-EFAC	American Culinary Federation's Education Foundation, Inc. Accrediting Commission
ADA-CDA	American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation
ADA-CADE	American Dietetic Association Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education
ALA-COA	American Library Association Committee on Accreditation
APTA-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
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

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Key to Abbreviations for Programmatic Accrediting Organizations

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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-COE	American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education
ACPE-CA	Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission
ATMAE	Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering
AABI	Aviation Accreditation Board International
CAAHEP	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
CAHME	Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education
CCNE	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
CELPA	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
COANAEP	Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
CCE-CA	Council on Chiropractic Education Commission on Accreditation
CEPH	Council on Education for Public Health
CNME	Council on Naturopathic Medical Education
CORE-CSA	Council on Rehabilitation Education Commission on Standards and Accreditation
CSWE-OSWA	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
JRCPRT	Joint Review Committee on Education Programs in Radiologic Technology
JRCNMT	Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology
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.

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Key to Abbreviations for Programmatic Accrediting Organizations

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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
NASPAA	National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation
NAST	National Association of Schools of Theatre Commission on Accreditation
NCATE	National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
NEHSPAC	National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council
NLNAC	National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.
NRPA-COAPRT	National Recreation and Park Association Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Related Professions
PAB	Planning Accreditation Board
SAF	Society of American Foresters
TEAC	Teacher Education Accreditation Council Accreditation Committee

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