

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EDUCATION (COAMFTE-AAMFT) AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

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: 123

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

Master's, doctoral, and post-degree clinical training programs in marriage and family therapy in the United States and Canada. (2003)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Initial recognition by CHEA in April 2003
Recognition for up to 10 years with a report, 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 recognition for a term of seven years with an Interim Report due at the midpoint of the recognition term (October 1, 2027).

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 Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). 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).

COAMFTE 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: COAMFTE is to provide an update on the implementation of its standard that programs routinely provide reliable information to the public on performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program (Paragraph 12 (B)(1), *2010 CHEA Policy and Procedures*).