



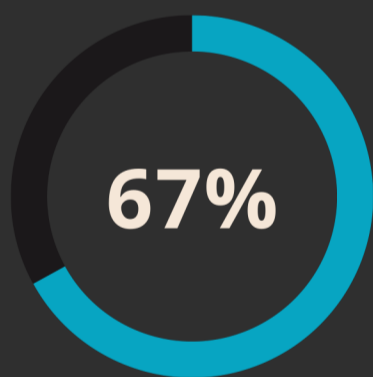
The Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) was established in 1994 and is the largest post-secondary programmatic accreditor for health professions education programs.

*CAAHEP has 2,584 accredited programs at 1359 institutions worldwide.*

CAAHEP accreditation ensures programs meet profession-specific national Standards of quality and continually improve to produce competent health professionals.



**CAAHEP-accredited Programs that award an Associate Degree or Higher**



**52,241**

**Number of students enrolled in CAAHEP-accredited programs in 2022**



**CAAHEP is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) for the following recognized scope of accreditation:**

Accredits certificate, diploma, associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs in the following disciplines: advanced cardiovascular sonographer, anesthesia technologist, anesthesiologist assistant, art therapist, assistive technology practitioners, cardiovascular technologist, clinical research professionals, cytotechnologist, diagnostic medical sonographer, emergency medical services-paramedic, exercise science professional, kinesiotherapist, lactation consultant, medical assistant, medical illustrator, neurodiagnostic technologist, orthotist and prosthetist, perfusionist, polysomnographic technologist, recreational therapist, specialist in blood bank technology, surgical assistant and surgical technologist. CAAHEP accredits programs in the United States and internationally. (2020)

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[www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)

# THE CAAHEP ACCREDITATION PROCESS

CAAHEP accreditation begins with the profession's Standards, which are established by CAAHEP and the subject matter experts in each Committee on Accreditation (CoA). Programs must submit evidence of meeting these Standards, and go through a peer review process to verify its outcomes meet or exceed the required thresholds.

## REQUEST FOR ACCREDITATION SERVICES RAS

RAS forms are submitted through CAAHEP's website when the program is ready to begin the accreditation process.



## SELF-STUDY

The CoA requires each program complete a self-study, and provide evidence that the program meets the CAAHEP Standards.



## SITE VISIT

A site visit is conducted after the self-study is received by the CoA and reviewed. The site visitors verify that the program has the necessary resources required in the CAAHEP Standards.



## FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

The CoA will provide a findings letter to the program and forward a recommendation to CAAHEP for the Board's consideration and action.



## DECISION

The CAAHEP Board takes action on accreditation recommendations and notifies each program of the Board's decision. The CAAHEP Board meets six times per year to make decisions on program accreditation (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, and Nov).

