

Press Release

Accreditation Council Reviews 258 Applications for Program and System Accreditation

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The Accreditation Council convened on June 27, 2023, for its 117th meeting, which took place virtually.

It had 234 applications for program accreditation covering a total of 550 degree programs to decide on, of which one individual application was rejected. The Accreditation Council certified all other degree programs as meeting a high standard of quality.

Furthermore, the Accreditation Council decided on 24 applications for system accreditation. It granted 11 institutions the authority to independently accredit their degree programs for the next eight years as part of an initial or reaccreditation process. For the remaining institutions, the successful implementation of improvement measures was confirmed.

Furthermore, the Accreditation Council agreed to keep the reporting requirements for “significant changes” to degree programs as minimal as possible. Consequently, it will promptly revise the existing FAQs on this topic.

In addition, the Accreditation Council has decided to collaborate with the Student Accreditation Pool. Accreditation procedures in Germany are conducted as peer reviews involving external students. Since the Accreditation Council currently conducts alternative procedures exclusively on its own, it is now relying on the Pool’s support in recruiting suitable student reviewers.

The Accreditation Council is the central decision-making body of the Accreditation Council Foundation. The foundation, based in Bonn, was established by the 16 federal states and tasked with organizing the German accreditation system. Since the State Treaty came into force on January 1, 2018, its main task has been to make decisions regarding program and system accreditations as well as alternative procedures.

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