



Commission for Public Higher Education

The Commission for Public Higher Education (CPHE) is a consortium of higher education systems from several states offering a new accreditation model that will focus on academic excellence, student outcomes, process efficiency, and the pursuit of quality assurance for public postsecondary education.

CPHE's mission is to advance the quality and improvement of higher education by accrediting and pre-accrediting state public colleges and universities that are incorporated, chartered, licensed or authorized in the United States. By establishing rigorous, transparent, and adaptable outcomes-based accreditation standards and practices, CPHE will ensure that colleges and universities meet and maintain academic quality and operational excellence on behalf of their students.

In advancing its mission, CPHE will be guided by the following core principles:

- It is appropriate and necessary to introduce competition, aligned with state and institutional needs, into the existing marketplace of university accreditation;
- It is in the best interests of all interested parties, including students, to launch an accrediting body comprised of true peer institutions focused on public colleges and universities and their governing university systems;
- It is imperative to reduce bureaucracy through a more efficient and focused accreditation process, which will result in lower costs and significant time savings for member institutions, and which will translate into lower tuition prices for students and families;
- It is critical to ensure that this new accrediting body is accountable to the states of the member institutions; and
- It is necessary for the new accrediting body to become and remain recognized by the U.S. Department of Education for the purposes of Title IV participation by its accredited institutions.



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