NAACLS Mission Statement

The National Accreditation Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) is committed to being the premier agency for international accreditation and approval of educational programs in the clinical laboratory sciences and related health care disciplines.

NAACLS Vision Statement

Medical laboratories preferentially seek graduates of NAACLS programs to assure quality, value, innovation and safety for healthcare consumers.

NAACLS Values

Quality
Education
Innovation
Collaboration
Peer Review
Global Accreditation

NAACLS Strategic Plan Targets

1) Promote program excellence and innovation; 2) Promote and market the value of NAACLS accreditation; 3) Maintain and improve quality accreditation services; 4) Support and enhance the professional development of staff, volunteers, and program personnel; 5) Maintain stable financial position to support NAACLS’ mission, and 6) Promote inclusion, diversity, equity, and access (IDEA).
A Message From the President
By Maribeth L. Flaws, PhD, MLS(ASCP)cm, SM(ASCP)SI
President, NAACLS Board of Directors

Herein please find the 43rd Annual Report from NAACLS, which includes several important components. First are the numbers of NAACLS accredited programs. Note that all programs are now considered “Accredited.” The Phlebotomy and Medical Laboratory Assistant programs were changed from “Approved” to “Accredited” primarily due to confusion with the terminology by our accreditor, the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). From the 2022 Board of Directors’ Actions, note that the total number of programs remains strong with 14 programs gaining Initial Accreditation and 12 programs withdrawing their accreditation. A graph comparing the total number of each program in January 2022 with the number in December 2022 shows that the number of each type of program over 2022 is mostly stable. This is important when the graduates of all programs are needed so desperately in the profession and is contrary to the “urban myth” that the number of programs is decreasing.

Next is a long list of our volunteers. Thank you so much to all the people who volunteer their time to make a robust process of true peer-review occur for all of our programs. Their dedication to assessing program compliance with NAACLS Standards is not taken for granted. Thank you! New volunteers are always needed and welcome. Contact Mark Spence, Director of Strategic Initiatives & Volunteer Manager, at mspence@naacls.org to indicate your interest in volunteering for NAACLS. For more information, please visit https://naacls.org/Volunteers.aspx.

NAACLS is in strong financial shape, as you will see in the Statements of Financial Position. Unfortunately, the weak investment performance affected our assets compared to 2021, but that is no different than anyone else. Despite that difference, NAACLS remains fiscally strong.

The last few pages list the names and addresses of the members of the Board of Directors, Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP), Programs Approval Review Committee (PARC), Doctoral Review Committee and the NAACLS Staff. Each person on these rosters fulfills a critical role in the operations of NAACLS and the organization is strong because of their efforts. This year, the RCAP and PARC will be reconfigured and renamed as all programs are now “Accredited.”

The Board of Directors and NAACLS staff continue to realize the goals and targets set forth in the strategic plan. The targets of the plan are to: 1) Promote program excellence and innovation; 2) Promote and market the value of NAACLS accreditation; 3) Maintain and improve quality accreditation services; 4) Support and enhance the professional development of staff, volunteers, and program personnel; 5) Maintain stable financial position to support NAACLS’ mission, and 6) Promote inclusion, diversity, equity, and access (IDEA). We look forward to reporting on the progress of these initiatives over the next year and longer.

One of the biggest changes at NAACLS this year was the change in the CEO from Dr. Dianne Cearlock, who retired after 16 years of service, to Ms. Marisa K. James. The organization is in very capable hands with Marisa at the helm and we look forward to her fresh approach in leading the organization. One of her first tasks was to complete the final steps in the CHEA re-recognition process. Marisa, Mark Spence and I represented NAACLS at the CHEA Committee on Recognition meeting, where we answered committee members’ questions on how NAACLS complies with CHEA Standards. One of Dr. Cearlock’s last tasks was to lead the construction of the self-study, which the committee commended as being extremely clear and well-written. I am happy to report that we recently received CHEA’s final decision awarding NAACLS another seven years of Recognition! Congratulations to everyone!

NAACLS continues to be busy with several active Task Forces, including the: “Future and Emerging Professions Task Force,” whose purpose is to expand the types of educational programs that may be granted accreditation through NAACLS, “Standards Review Task Force,” whose members are reviewing our current standards and rewriting them to increase clarity and relevancy to today’s practices, and, perhaps the most exciting, “50th Anniversary Task Force,” which is planning celebrations of NAACLS’ 50th Anniversary at as many meetings as possible. Check out our new anniversary logo and watch for news on where we came from and where we are going.

To all of our stakeholders, I want you to know that the state of NAACLS is strong because of its leadership, staff and volunteers! Happy 50th Anniversary!
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## Board of Directors’ Actions 2022

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