

SHEEO State Authorization Inventory

American Samoa

Please note: For purposes of this survey, the terms “authorize” and “authorization” are used generically to include approve, certify, license, regulate, recognize, empower, or similar actions relative to the operation, provision, or availability of postsecondary education in your state.

The American Samoa Community College (ASCC) is the only accredited, degree-granting, post-secondary institution in American Samoa. It was created by statute (American Samoa Code, Annotated, Public Law 22-30) and is governed by a Board of Higher Education, appointed by the Governor. There is no state/territorial agency that regulates other post-secondary institutions.

A private college or training program operating with a physical presence in American Samoa would be required to file Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws with the ASG Attorney General's Office and to obtain an annual Business License from the ASG Department of Commerce.

ASCC and the ASG Department of Education (K-12) have entered into agreements with off-island colleges and universities to provide specialized training (e.g., the University of Hawaii for a teacher education program that offers classes on-island). Such MOUs and contracts are generally reviewed by the Attorney General's Office.

There is no local regulation or authorization of distance education programs.

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