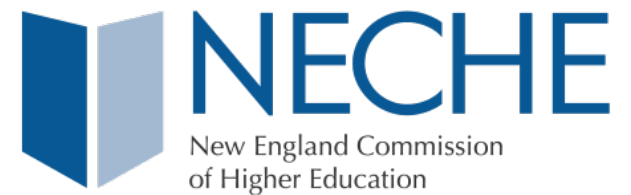


Accreditation in the United States

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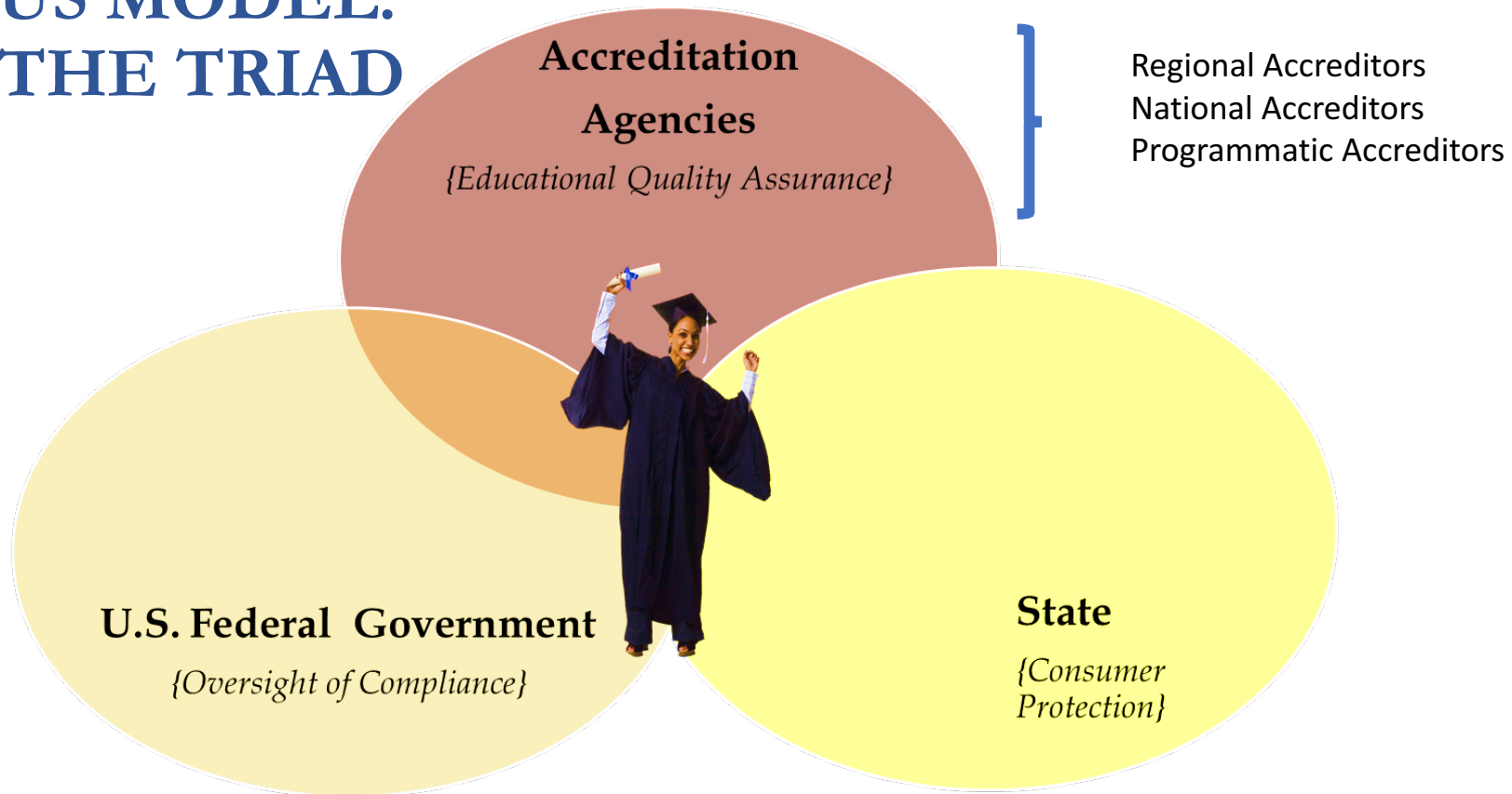




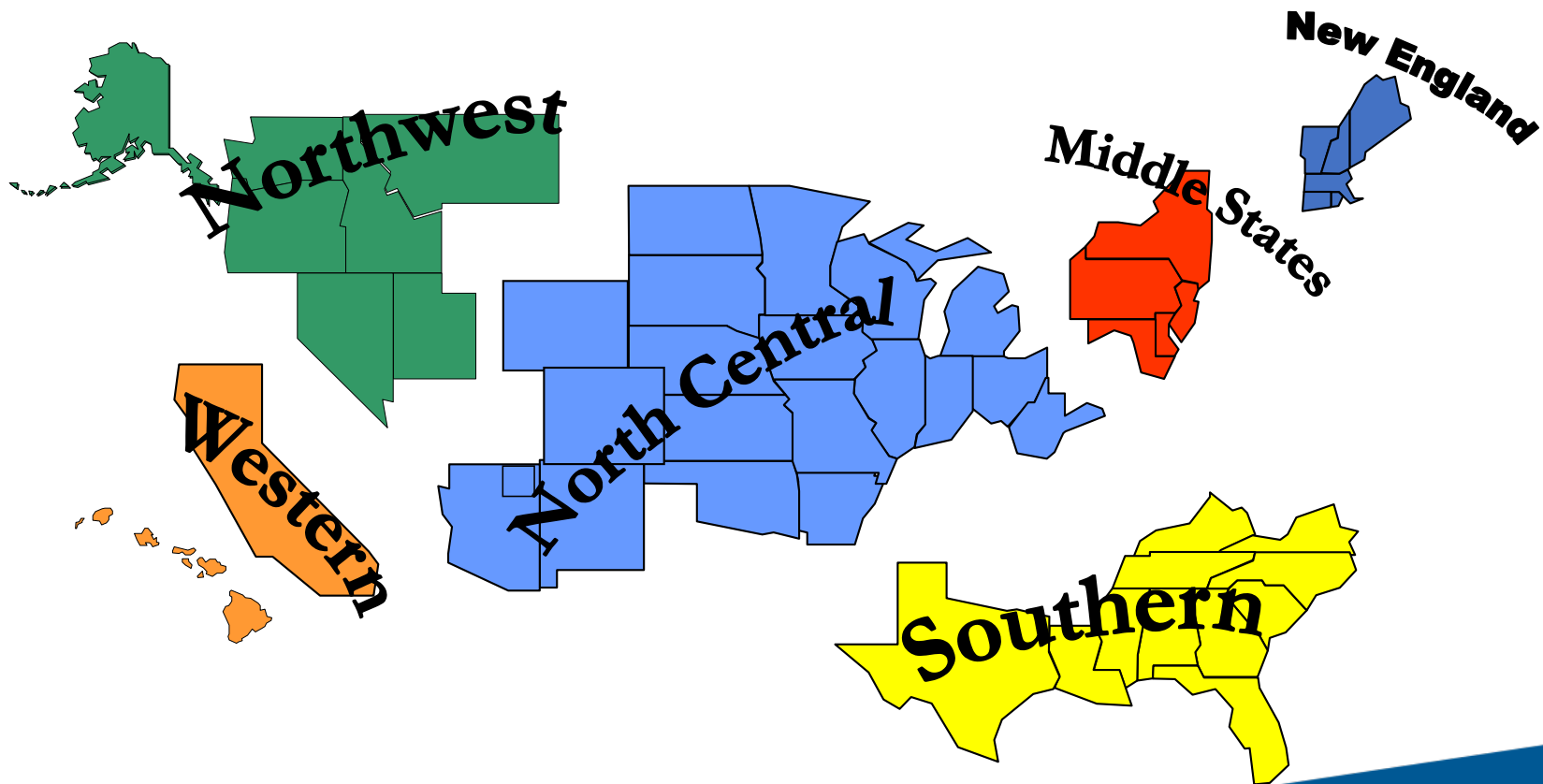
What we will cover...

- Brief Overview of Accreditation in the United States
- Regionally Accredited International Institutions
- Becoming Accredited through New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) – formerly New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

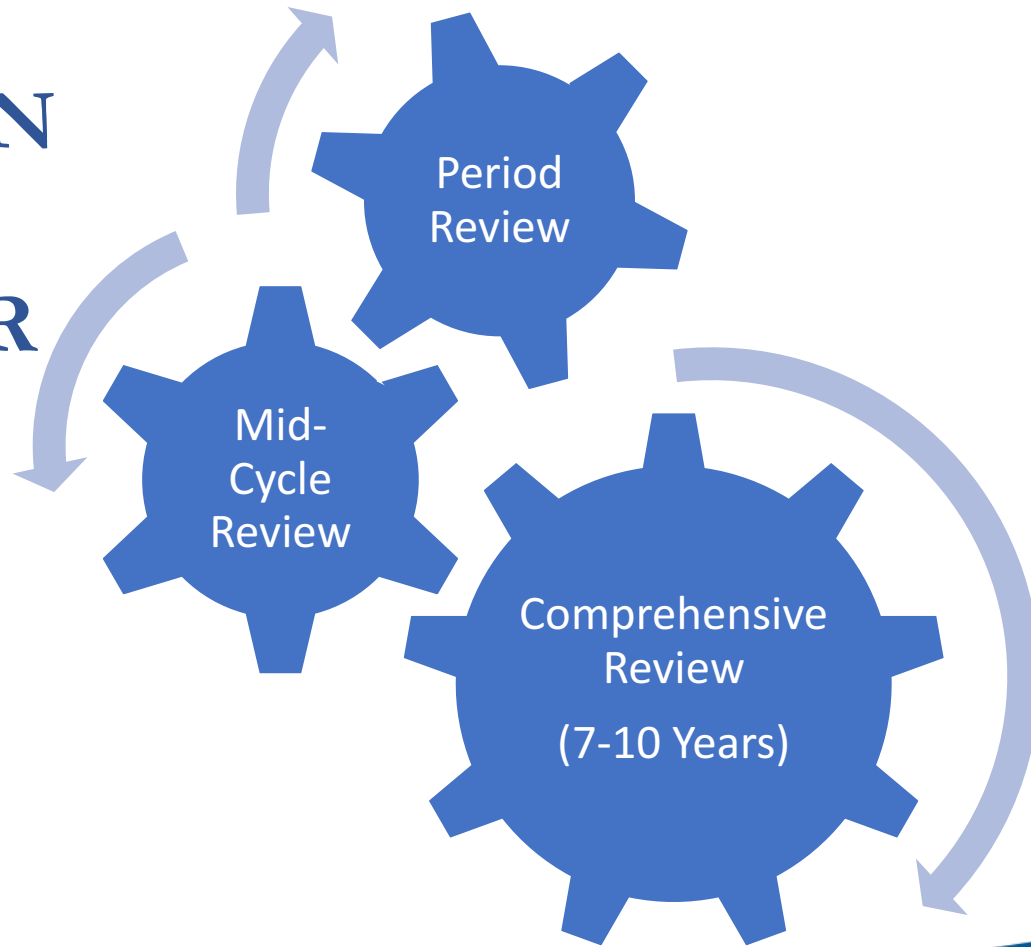
US MODEL: THE TRIAD



The Regions of Regional Accreditation



ACCREDITATION TAKES PLACE THROUGH PEER REVIEW



Regionally Accredited Institutions Abroad

	Middle States Commission N=19		New England Commission N = 11	Southern Commission N = 7	Western Commission (4-year) N = 11	Western Association (2-year) N = 3
1	Canada	Taiwan	Bermuda	Costa Rica	Czech Republic	American Samoa
2	Chile	United Arab Emirates	Bulgaria	Mexico	Ecuador	Micronesia
3	Egypt	United Kingdom	Greece	United Arab Emirates	Fiji	Republic of the Marshall Islands
4	France	Virgin Islands - British	Lebanon		India	
5	Hungary		Morocco		Kenya	
6	Italy		Switzerland		Mexico	
7	Lebanon				Peru	
8	Panama				Republic of Armenia	
9	Switzerland				United Arab Emirates	

Note: Higher Learning Commission; Northwest Commission; and Middle States do not currently accredit institutions abroad

Challenges facing Regional Accreditation

- Low Public Confidence →
 - High profile scandals
- Changing Demographics →
 - Decline in population
- High Cost of Education →
 - Transparency/Public Disclosure
 - Closures/Mergers
 - Government regulation (e.g., student success linked to jobs)
 - Alternative models and credentials

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Becoming Accredited: For Institutions Abroad

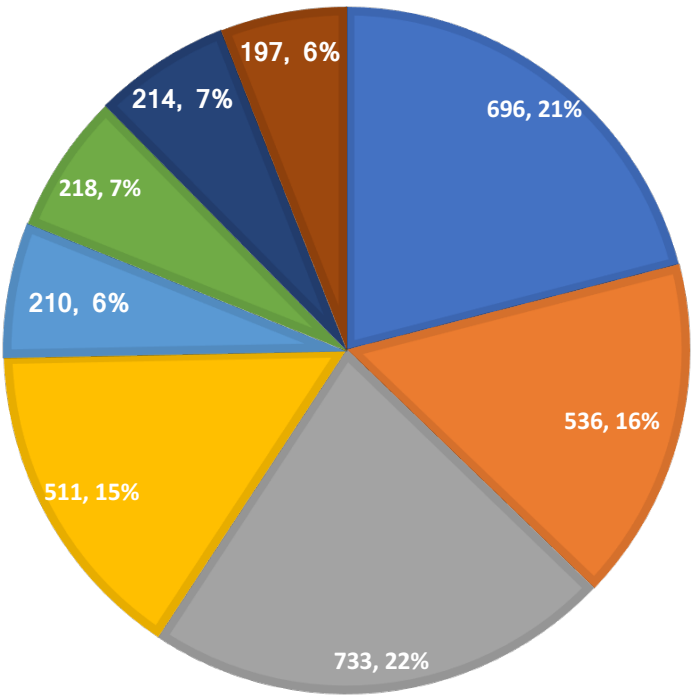
Free-standing institutions abroad interested in exploring U.S. accreditation are advised to work closely with Commission staff. NECHE's criteria for consideration include the following requirements, among others: that the institution be American-style, that it be independent (non-governmental), that academic programs and degrees are comparable to those offered in the U.S.; that the institution has a governing board including representation of the public interest; and that administration, faculty and professional staff collectively have significant experience in American higher education.

A complete set of criteria is found in the following documents:

**Indicates that the item is new or updated within the past 6 months.*

NECHE Website Traffic by Geographical Regions

■ China ■ India ■ Philippines ■ Japan ■ Pakistan ■ Indonesia ■ Thailand ■ Taiwan ■





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Requirements of Affiliation for Free-Standing Institutions Abroad

The New England Commission of Higher Education will consider for eligibility interested independent institutions of higher education that declare themselves to be American-style institutions.

To be declared eligible to apply for candidacy with the New England Commission of Higher Education, an institution operating entirely outside the United States and its territories must meet the following requirements. Candidate and accredited institutions must continue to fulfill these requirements as specified in the *Standards for Accreditation*.

Independence

1. The institution has formally adopted a statement of mission, which demonstrates that the fundamental purposes of the institution are educational, and which is also appropriate to a degree-granting institution and appropriate to those needs of society it seeks to serve;

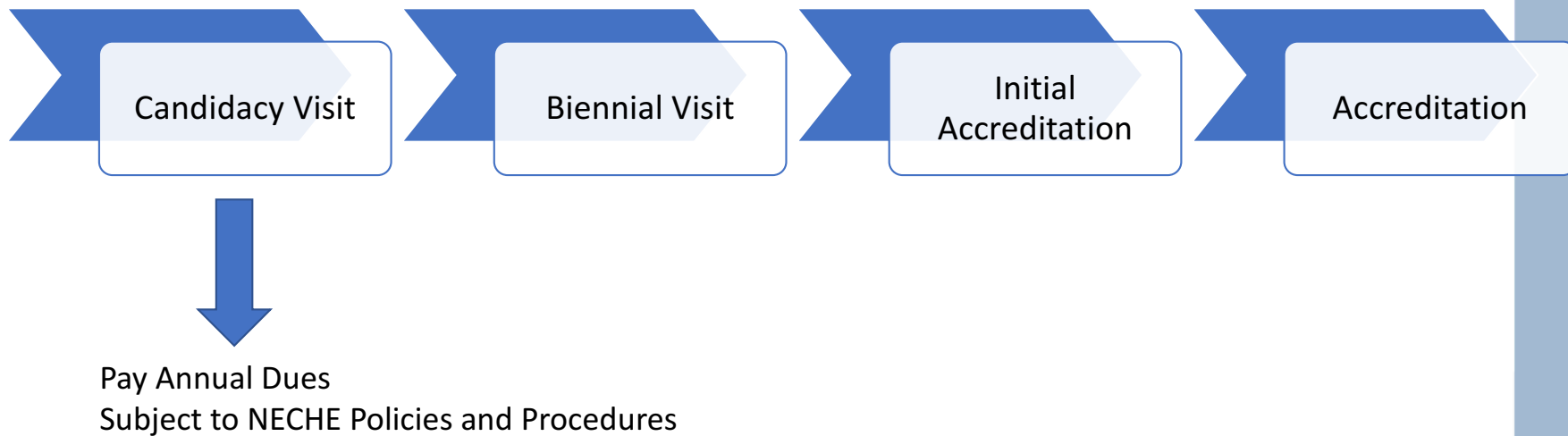
24 Requirements:

- Independence
- American Style
- Educational Mission and Purposes
- Resources
- Transparency

Becoming eligible to apply for Candidacy requires that Institution meets all Requirements of Affiliation



Candidacy: Institution demonstrates that it is in “substantial” compliance with Standards for Accreditation in 5 years



Countries with Institutions Seeking NECHE Accreditation

Country	Point in Process	Next Step
Bangladesh	Eligibility visit completed; NECHE determined not yet eligible; requested additional information	Submit additional information within 1 year; NECHE will reconsider if eligible to apply for candidacy
France	Eligibility visit completed; NECHE determined not yet eligible; requested additional information	Submit additional information within 1 year; NECHE will reconsider if eligible to apply for candidacy
France	Eligibility visit scheduled in Fall	NECHE to approve eligible for candidacy
Greece	Candidacy Visit in Fall	5 years to complete candidacy
Kurdistan	Meeting with NECHE President	Draft Eligibility Report; Staff visit
Lebanon (2)	Staff Visit completed	Submit Eligibility Report; Schedule 3 person visit
Lebanon	Initial Accreditation	Interim report in 2.5 years; Comprehensive evaluation in 5 years
Morocco	Initial Accreditation	Interim report in 2.5 years; Comprehensive in 5 years
Pakistan	Staff visit scheduled in November, 2019	3 person visit
Pakistan	Staff reviewing draft Eligibility Report	Staff Visit
Saudi Arabia	Staff reviewing draft Eligibility Report	Staff Visit

Questions, comments, insights?

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