CAAHEP Position Statement Regarding SCOTUS Decision on Race in Admissions

The U.S. Supreme Court announced its ruling in Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College and Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. University of North Carolina et al. in June 2023, finding that the use of race in admissions policies applied by the University of North Carolina and Harvard College violate the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

As a programmatic accreditor whose mission is to provide value to stakeholders by setting standards for quality assurance in health professions education, the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) reaffirms its commitment to giving all people equal access to education and entry into practice in the health professions. CAAHEP respects institutional autonomy as it relates to admission practices (CAAHEP Policies & Procedure; Policy 107), and as stated in CAAHEP Standard V.B., “All activities associated with the program..., including student admission... must be non-discriminatory and in accord with federal and state statutes, rules, and regulations.”

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