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## **Foreword**

The following July 2017 edition of the *CCE Manual of Policies* was approved by the Council at the July 14, 2017 Semi-Annual Council Meeting in accordance with CCE Policy 25, *Authority, Responsibility and Action Regarding CCE Policy*. Based on review and recommendations by the Council; revisions were approved within CCE policies 7, 18, 22, 23, 29 & 68 for clarification and consistency purposes and within CCE Policy 56 to adjust the date of reporting to August 1 and require posting of student performance completion rates; deletion was approved for CCE Policy 6 due to the policy no longer being applicable based on the CCE Standards; and, the addition of CCE Policy 15 to outline meeting processes and procedures.

Questions regarding *CCE Policies* and this manual should be directed to the Council Chair or the CCE President through the CCE Administrative Office.

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## **CCE Policy 1                      Substantive Change**

Accreditation is granted or reaffirmed according to curricula, services and conditions existing at the time of that action. To maintain its recognition with the Department of Education and in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulation 34 (CFR 34), 602.22, the CCE must require prior approval of substantive changes before each change can be included in the doctor of chiropractic degree (Program) or residency (Program) accredited status. For this reason, all CCE - accredited programs are required to inform the Council in writing of substantive changes prior to their implementation.

### **A. Definition**

CCE's definition of substantive change includes, but is not limited to, the following types of changes and required submission of a substantive change application:

1. Change in the established mission and/or objectives.  
Note: Rephrasing a mission statement is not substantive if it does not alter the meaning and content of the original wording
2. A significant change in content or method of delivery of programs since the last Council Status Review Meeting.  
Note: Periodic, minor modifications to course content, sequencing or delivery methods do not constitute a substantive change
3. Add a degree program different from that which is included in the institution's current accreditation.
4. Change in method of awarding course or program credit (e.g., clock hour to credit hour).
5. An increase, of 10% or more, in the number of clock or credit hours required or awarded to complete the program.
6. If the Council's accreditation of an institution enables the institution to seek eligibility to participate in Title IV, HEA programs, the entering into a contract under which an institution or organization not certified to participate in the Title IV, HEA programs offers more than 25 percent of one or more of the accredited institution's educational programs.
7. Change in the legal status, form of control, or ownership.
8. Establishing a new location offering at least 50% of the educational program as an additional branch campus (See Section D for further information).
9. Establishing a new location offering approximately 50% of the educational program as an additional educational site, but not defined as a branch campus (See Section D for further information).
10. Consolidation/Merger with another DCP or Institution (See Section E for further information)  
Note: The Council defines a consolidation as the combination or transfer of the assets of at least two (2) distinct DCPs to that of a newly formed DCP. A merger is defined as the acquisition by one DCP of another DCPs asset.

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11. The addition of a permanent location at a site at which the institution is conducting a teach-out for students of another institution that has ceased operating before all students have completed their program of study.
12. Moving a campus (Local or Distant)

**B. Program Application**

The substantive change application must describe how the program plans to continue to meet the requirements of the applicable CCE Standards while implementing the change, and must include the following information:

1. Description of the nature of the substantive change.
2. Rationale for the substantive change, including an assessment of the need.
3. Documentation of the legal authority for the substantive change and notification required by the governing board, to any state or regional accrediting body.
4. Proposed timetable for the implementation of the substantive change.
5. Description of any change in the administrative organization and of the board governance structure (specifically if a consolidation or merger).
6. Identification of resources required to support the change, including financial resources (with a specific budget for the first year of the consolidation/merger and a copy of the most recent audit from each institution), library/learning resources, physical facilities, and equipment; a statement of specific expected qualifications if additional faculty will be employed; and, information on how required additional resources will be secured.
7. Proposed processes for monitoring and evaluating the expected outcomes of the change and for using the results of evaluation to improve educational programs, services and operations.
8. Descriptions of changes in governance, location or educational program, including changes in admission requirements or procedures, instruction, and curriculum.
9. Overview of student enrollment and, if applicable, facilitation of enrolled students not moving to new location.
10. Information regarding external consultants with whom the DCP may have contracted.

A program that is required to submit a formal request for substantive change to a state or regional approval agency may submit a copy of that formal request, documents supporting the request, and the state response to the request, to the Council Chair in lieu of the substantive change application. If the



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program does so, the material submitted must include, and be indexed to refer to, all information required in the CCE substantive change application.

All applications must be received in the CCE Administrative Office no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> for review by the Council at the regularly scheduled Annual Council Meeting or June 1<sup>st</sup> for review by the Council at the regularly scheduled Semi-Annual Council Meeting. If not received prior to the established dates, the Council Chair will determine if a special Council Meeting will convene to review the substantive change or if the application will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

The substantive change application should be addressed to the Council Chair with one hard copy and one electronic version (flash drive or CD) sent through the CCE Administrative Office. The application should be concise but also contain all the requirements listed in the Program Application section above. The electronic version should be compiled into one document for easy access and transportability.

### **C. Council Action**

Upon receipt, the Council Chair and CCE Administrative Office staff will review the application for form and content and may request further information before submitted to the Council.

When the application is determined complete, the Council Chair will inform the program that the application will be forwarded to the Council for consideration, whereupon the Council will review the application at the next regularly scheduled meeting and take one of the following actions:

1. Accept the application and approve the substantive change;
2. Defer action and request additional information; or
3. Deny approval of the substantive change with no affect on the program's current accreditation. Denials may be appealed in accordance with CCE Policy 8, *Appeals of Decisions by the Council*.

When the Council approves a substantive change application, the Council also determines if or when a site visit will occur and what type of site visit will be conducted, comprehensive or focused. If the substantive change application is regarding items 1-6 in Section A of this policy, a site visit is at the discretion of the Council. If the application is regarding items 7-12 in Section A, the Council will conduct a site visit within six (6) months in all instances.

If the program/institution requests a substantive change that the Council determines will compromise the finances, educational program or facilities for that program/institution, the Council will conduct a focused site visit to the program/institution. If the site visit report reveals that the finances, educational program or facilities are compromised, then a new comprehensive site visit will be conducted at the program/institution and all additional locations.

With regard to item 8 in Section A, after approval of the substantive change application the Council will determine when the first cohort is scheduled to graduate based on the information provided by the program. Once the graduation date has been established, the Council will then notify the program with its Self-Study is due and when it can anticipate its first comprehensive site visit to take place on the

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additional location campus. In all instances, the program is afforded the right to have at least two Status Review Meetings with the Council at its regularly scheduled Council Meetings prior to its first cohort graduation.

Once the site visit is conducted the Council will review the Self-Study Report, Final Site Team Report, the Program Response to the Report and the program's appearance at the Council meeting, and decide to award, defer or deny the accreditation of the additional location. If accreditation is granted, the Council will place the additional location campus on the CCE Schedule of Accreditation Activities to determine when biennial reports and site visits will occur in the normal accreditation cycle. If the accreditation decision is deferred, the program will be required to submit a progress report in preparation for a return site visit for review by the Council at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting. If accreditation is denied, the program has the option to file an appeal in accordance with CCE Policy 8, *Appeals of Decisions by the Council*.

A site visit will be conducted at all additional locations of a program/institution that experiences rapid growth to ensure that personnel, facilities and resources are sufficient, meet program/institution needs, and that educational quality has not been compromised.

If the Council grants approval for a substantive change the effective date that the program/institution can implement the change will be the date of the Council's approval letter. A program/institution must not take action to implement any substantive change nor will the substantive change be included in the program's/institution's accreditation status before the date on the approval letter. If a program/institution implements a substantive change before the date on the approval letter, it will be subject to sanctions by the Council.

### **D. Additional Educational Site or Branch Campus**

The Council defines an additional education site as a location of a program or part of a program that is geographically apart from the main campus of the institution, but not necessarily independent of the main campus. These sites do not meet the definition of a branch campus as established by the Department of Education.

The Department of Education defines a branch campus as a location of a program that is geographically apart and independent of the main campus of the institution. A location is independent of the main campus if the location:

1. Is permanent in nature;
2. Offers courses in the DCP leading to the doctor of chiropractic degree;
3. Has its own faculty and administrative or supervisory organization; and
4. Has its own budgetary and hiring authority.

For additional locations (Branch campuses and additional educational sites) currently accredited by CCE, the Council will conduct site visits to all locations in conjunction with the regularly scheduled comprehensive site visit for reaffirmation of accreditation (every 8 years) at the main campus and also

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during the regularly scheduled interim site visit at the midpoint of a program's/institution's accreditation cycle (every 4 years).

If a program/institution requests a substantive change for a new location that requires a site visit the Council will review the site visit report and determine if it reveals significant deficiencies. If so, a new comprehensive site visit will be conducted at the program/institution and all additional locations (if applicable).

The Council will list branch campuses and additional educational sites separate from the main campus listing on the official CCE website and in accordance with CCE policies and procedures for public disclosure.

### **E. Consolidation/Merger with another DCP or Institution**

Prior to consolidation/merger, it is the responsibility of the accredited programs to submit written notification to the Council Chair. Notification must be made at least six (6) months in advance of the designated date for final approval of the consolidation/merger by the new organization's governing board. Upon notification, the Council Chair or designee will ask the organizations involved in the consolidation/merger to submit a combined written application. The application must describe how each program plans to continue to meet the applicable CCE Standards while implementing the change.

If the Council approves the consolidation/merger, the programs involved in the consolidation/merger will be considered one accredited program pending final approval by the new program's governing board. The Council will send a site team within one year of the consolidation/merger. Following review of the site team report and program response, the Council will:

1. Continue accreditation, or
2. Impose sanction for failure to maintain compliance with the CCE Standards

A program undertaking an approved consolidation/merger will be required to complete a self-study and undergo review for reaffirmation of accreditation within four (4) years following Council action to continue accreditation. The program will then maintain the normal accreditation review cycle in accordance with the CCE Schedule of Accreditation Activities.

Should the Council determine that the proposed substantive change would adversely affect each program's compliance with the requirements of the CCE Standards, and the change is not approved by the Council and not implemented, the programs will maintain their separate accredited status. However, if the programs proceed with implementation of the unapproved consolidation/merger, the accreditation of the CCE-accredited programs involved will be subject to further reporting requirements, site visits and possible adverse action by the Council.

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**CCE Policy 2                      Closure or Cessation of Operation of a DCP, Residency Program, Branch  
Campus or Additional Educational Site**

This policy addresses situations in which a CCE accredited program ceases, or plans to cease, operations. This includes doctor of chiropractic degree programs at solitary purpose institutions holding institutional accreditation from the CCE, DCPs holding programmatic accreditation from the CCE and housed within larger institutions, additional educational sites or branch campuses as defined within CCE Policy 1, or residency programs.

**Definitions**

Teach-out plan means a written plan developed by an institution that provides for the equitable treatment of students if a program institution, or an institutional location that provides one hundred percent of the doctor of chiropractic degree offered, ceases to operate before all students have completed their program, and may require a teach-out agreement between institutions.

Teach-out agreement means a written agreement between institutions that provides for the equitable treatment of students and a reasonable opportunity for students to complete their educational program if a program, institution, or an institutional location that provides one hundred percent of the doctor of chiropractic degree offered, ceases to operate before all enrolled students have completed their program of study. A teach-out agreement must be signed by authorized representatives of both institutions.

Teach-out institution means the institution that is named in the teach-out agreement to continue the program of study for students affected by the closure of the program.

**Submission of a Teach-Out Plan**

It is the expectation of the CCE and the U.S. Department of Education that students be provided a reasonable opportunity to continue their education and complete their program despite the closure of an accredited program. To ensure this, the DCP or institution has two possible courses of action, the selection of which must be discussed in the submitted teach-out plan:

1. The institution ceases enrolling new students in the doctor of chiropractic degree program and teaches out currently enrolled students. It then terminates the program, the operations of a branch campus, or the operations of the institution after students have graduated.
2. The institution enters into an agreement to have another accredited program to teach out the program. This option requires the submission and approval of a teach-out agreement.

The CCE requires the submission of a teach-out plan for CCE approval from an institution housing a CCE accredited program under the following circumstances:

1. Notification of the CCE by the Secretary of Education that the Secretary has initiated an emergency action against an institution, or an action to limit, suspend, or terminate an institution participating in any Title IV program.

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Campus or Additional Educational Site (cont.)**

2. The CCE acts to withdraw, terminate, or suspend the accreditation of the program or the institution housing the program.
3. The program or the institution housing the program notifies the CCE that it intends to cease operations entirely or close a location that provides one hundred percent of the program.
4. A state licensing or authorizing agency notifies the CCE that an institution's license or legal authorization to provide the program has been or will be revoked.

All teach-out plans must be submitted to the CCE for approval. The CCE will evaluate the teach-out plan to ensure it provides for the equitable treatment of students, including the completion of the program within a reasonable period of time. When an institution or program desires to stop admitting new students and to teach-out existing students without involving another institution, no teach-out agreement is required. The teach-out plan must provide evidence that:

1. The institution or program has the necessary resources and support services to provide an acceptable level of quality of the degree program, including the clinical education component, for the duration of the program.
2. The institution or program can remain stable, carry out its mission, and meet all obligations to existing students; and
3. The institution or program can continue to provide Title IV financial aid.

To be approved, a teach-out plan must include the following information:

1. Date of closure;
2. An explanation of how affected parties (students, faculty, staff) will be informed of the impending closure;
3. An explanation of how students will be helped to complete their programs of study with minimal disruption or additional expense;
4. An explanation of what qualified faculty and staff will remain to assist students in the completion of the program;
5. Signed copies of teach-out agreements with other institutions (if applicable);
6. How faculty and staff will be redeployed or helped to find new employment; and
7. If closing an institution, arrangement for the storing of student records, disposition of final financial resources and other assets.

**Submission of a Teach-Out Agreement**

When the teach-out plan indicates that another institution will be required in order for students to complete their education, a teach-out agreement must be submitted to, and approved by, the CCE.

**CCE Policy 2                      Closure or Cessation of Operation of a DCP, Residency Program, Branch  
Campus or Additional Educational Site (cont.)**

A teach-out plan and agreement must be consistent with applicable standards and regulations, and provides for the equitable treatment of students by ensuring that:

1. The teach-out institution has the necessary experience, resources, and support services to:
  - a. Provide a program that is of acceptable quality and reasonably similar in content, structure, and scheduling to that provided by the institution that is ceasing operations either entirely or at one of its locations; and
  - b. Remain stable, carry out its mission, and meet all obligations to existing students; and,
  - c. Provide Title IV financial aid.
2. The teach-out institution demonstrates that it can provide students access to the program and services without requiring them to move or travel substantial distances. Whenever possible, students should be able to complete their education without additional charges. The teach-out plan and agreement should include a procedure to notify students about the tuition and fees of the teach-out institution. In cases where students have held institutional scholarships or grants, appropriate agreements should be negotiated if there are available funds that can be legally used to support students while completing the doctor of chiropractic degree at other institutions.
3. Appropriate arrangements have been made for the custody, preservation, and accessibility of academic records, including records of clinical educational work. The teach-out agreement should include consideration of access to patient records in order to verify students' clinical experiences required by the CCE Standards.

Any CCE-accredited program that enters into a teach-out agreement with, or on behalf of, another institution, regardless of whether that institution has presented a teach-out plan to the CCE or is accredited by the CCE, shall submit the teach-out agreement to the CCE for approval prior to its implementation. The CCE may approve the teach-out agreement only if the agreement is between institutions or programs that are accredited by the CCE. The CCE may require the teach-out institution to submit a substantive change proposal as part of this process.

**Extension of Accreditation**

The accreditation of an institution or program ordinarily ceases when the institution is closed or the program ceases operation. When the governing board of an accredited program or institution housing a program decides to close the institution or cease operation of the program, it may seek from the CCE an extension of its accreditation beyond the publicly announced date of closing. The sole purpose of the extension is to ensure that its students can complete the program without undue difficulty. Extension of accreditation is typically for no longer than one year beyond the date of closing, although the Council has the latitude to extend that period under extenuating circumstances. To approve an extension of accreditation, the CCE must be assured of:

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Campus or Additional Educational Site (cont.)**

1. the outgoing legal existence of the institution beyond closing; and
2. the existence of a teach-out agreement with another institution that meets CCE and federal requirements; and
3. the existence of appropriate processes to guarantee that all degrees granted after the date of closing meet the graduation requirements established by an institution.

**Notification of Other Agencies and Consent for Disclosure of Information**

For programs holding programmatic accreditation from the CCE, the CCE will notify the respective regional accrediting agency of its decision on any submitted teach-out plans and agreements. Submission of teach-out plans and agreements to the CCE implies consent for the CCE to discuss the accreditation status and decisions with respective regional accrediting agency and with the teach-out institution.

**Closure without a Teach-Out Plan or Agreement**

If an institution or program the CCE accredits closes without a teach-out plan or agreement, the CCE will work with the U.S. Department of Education and the appropriate state agency, to the extent feasible, to assist students in finding reasonable opportunities to complete their education without additional charges.

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#### **CCE Policy 4                      Confidentiality of Council Actions**

CCE Councilors, Administrative Office Staff or any other of CCE, shall not divulge to any source any aspect of the accreditation process, specifically deliberations, decision-making and accreditation decisions, other than reporting procedures in accordance with *The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) Accreditation Standards, Principles, Processes & Requirements for Accreditation* and CCE policies and procedures.

The above listed categories of individuals are required to sign and submit confidentiality agreements prior to Council Meetings, site visits or other CCE related activities. Guests of CCE activities may also be required to sign and submit confidentiality agreements in accordance with policies and procedures.

The Council Chair or the CCE President may, upon written request for specific information by the U.S. Department of Education or authorized personnel, submit information to assist in resolving problems with any CCE-accredited DCP.

Violation of this policy shall subject the above listed categories of individuals to such disciplinary action as the Council may deem appropriate.

#### **Breach of Confidentiality**

The Council will address alleged violations of the CCE confidentiality policy by a CCE Councilor, Administrative Office Staff or other agent of CCE when such allegations are submitted in writing and signed by the individual(s) making the allegation(s). The allegation is to be submitted to the Council Chair. Allegations must be specific as to the nature and date of the violation, and should be filed within six (6) months of the alleged violation.

The Council Chair will send a copy of the allegation to the alleged violator within thirty (30) days of receipt. The Council Chair will provide opportunity for the alleged violator to provide a written response to the allegations within thirty (30) days of receipt. The submitted information will be reviewed by the Council Executive Committee, which will then recommend to the Council the disposition of the case. The written allegations and response will be provided to the Councilors along with the recommendation from the Council Executive Committee. Normally, the Council will act regarding the matter at its next regularly scheduled meeting, but the Council Chair may call for a mail response or telephonic meeting if a decision is needed in the shorter term. Confidentiality regarding address of the allegation must be maintained by the Council as a body, all Councilors, the individual(s) charged and the CCE Administrative Office.

The Council may determine the allegation unsubstantiated and notify the alleged violator and complainant that no guilt has been determined. The Council may determine that the allegation is true and shall then determine the appropriate disciplinary action. If the alleged violator is found guilty, the final Council action is recorded in official Council minutes and reported as appropriate.

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## **CCE Policy 5                      Special Consideration for Programs during Emergencies/Disasters**

The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) recognizes that there are times of local, regional, or national emergency or disaster that may delay or in other ways compromise communications, disrupt operation of classes and/or other services, between CCE-accredited Programs, the CCE Administrative Office, and/or Councilors. For the purpose of this policy/procedure, such an emergency or disaster must impact, operations and/or communications for at least a one-month period. Special consideration is granted by the Council for a period of time to assist the program in maintaining its requirements for accreditation.

### **This policy is designed to:**

1. Ensure the continuity of education – By providing a mechanism for programs to be granted special consideration during emergencies and/or disasters.
2. Provide flexibility to accreditation cycle – During the period of special consideration, submission by the program of any requested information (e.g., Program Characteristics Report, (PCR), Progress Report, Self-Study, etc.) or other action by the program may be delayed by the Council without negative consequences to the program. If an on-site evaluation is scheduled during the granted period, it will be rescheduled. The Council will determine reporting requirements in all other circumstances.
3. Provide information, advice and assistance to Programs – Announcement indicating the period for which the program was granted special consideration status as a result of the emergency or disaster to keep public updated and informed. Maintain communication between Program and CCE Administrative Office

### **Requests for Special Consideration**

In order to avoid unintentional injury to students, programs or other stakeholders during times of emergency or disaster, the following policy will be followed.

1. The Program Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or accreditation liaison must contact the CCE Administrative Office as soon as possible if an emergency/disaster occurs that has a short or long-term impact on the program that will affect its ability to remain in compliance with the CCE Standards.
2. When communication is established, the Program CAO or accreditation liaison will inform the CCE President if they will be requesting special consideration by the Council under the emergency /disaster policy.
3. Requests for special consideration must include the following information:
  - the nature of the impact to the program and students;
  - tentative plan and timeline for resumption of classes and other services by the program;
  - contact information for Program CAO and accreditation liaison;
  - status of students during the interim period, if any; and
  - length of time for special consideration. (Requests may be granted for a period of time up to six (6) months).

**CCE Policy 5                      Special Consideration for Programs during Emergencies/Disasters (cont.)**

4. Upon receipt of the request, the CCE Administrative Office will forward the request to the Council Chair for review and action. If the Council Chair is unable to determine action, length of the term, or feel that the entire Council should be involved, a conference call or other rapid method for information sharing and decision-making will be requested.

5. Action to grant or deny emergency/disaster special consideration will occur within one week of receipt of the required information and based on the verbal communication and written request from the Program CAO or accreditation liaison.

6. If special consideration is granted by the Council Chair (or Council), the Program CAO or accreditation liaison must provide monthly written updates of progress towards resumption of classes and other services by the educational program.

During the granted period of special consideration, the Program CAO or accreditation liaison may request in writing, one extension for up to three (3) months should it become evident that the program will not resume operations within the initially granted time period and explaining the rationale for the extension. The maximum period a program may be granted special consideration under this policy is nine (9) months (six months initially, followed by a three-month extension).

If the program is not operational at the end of the special consideration period, the program must send a letter of intent from the institution's governing body to the Council stating its intention to maintain accreditation or voluntary withdrawal from accredited status. If the program continues accreditation the Program CAO or accreditation liaison will be informed of the timeline for submission of any previously requested reports as well as the requirements for future reporting activities.

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## **CCE Policy 7                      Student Admission Requirements**

For DCP's that accepts students who lack the minimum admissions criteria as noted in Section 2.G of the CCE *Standards*, the DCP will develop an Alternative Admissions Track Plan (AATP) that addresses the following:

- Alternative criteria and processes used to determine acceptance of AATP students, including rationales for establishing such criteria and delineation of the role of the faculty members in the process. (No student is to be admitted who has completed fewer than 90 semester hours and/or has a GPA for these 90 hours of less than 2.75/4.0.)
- Academic support services to optimize the ability of AATP students to succeed in the program, e.g., transitional studies, tutorials, academic advising, and study strategies.
- Policies and procedures that dictate active interventions based upon student needs.

A DCP that accepts students who lack the minimum admissions criteria of Section 2.G of the CCE *Standards*, will provide the following for each AATP student:

- A record of each student, including date of entry, course load per term, term and cumulative GPA, academic progress, and results of external licensing examinations.
- Evidence that regular reviews of the student's academic record and performance are used to inform appropriate academic support services, such as transitional studies, and/or modified course schedules to optimize the potential for each student's academic success.
- An academic plan for each student who fails to make satisfactory academic progress in accordance with DCP policies regarding such matters, including one or more of the following elements: reduced course schedule, additional tutoring or supplementary instruction and remedial course work.

The DCP will provide **annual** aggregated data, reporting on the number of students admitted under its AATP criteria, plus their GPA, academic progress, and success in passing licensing examinations.

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## **CCE Policy 8                      Appeals of Decisions by the Council**

Doctor of Chiropractic Degree Programs, Residency Programs or institutions hereafter referred to as Programs, have the right to appeal an adverse accrediting decision of the CCE Council. These procedures provide for fair, expeditious processing of appeals, but do not constitute quasi-judicial procedures. Both the Council and the Program have the right to representation by counsel in the appeal process.

Note: If the Council Chair has a conflict of interest with the appellant Program, the Council Development Committee (CDC) Chair will preside over the hearings. If a conflict exists with the CDC Chair, a Councilor chosen by the Council will preside over the hearings.

### Criteria for Appeal

CCE provides clearly delineated fair procedures and opportunities for Programs to appeal adverse actions of:

- Denial of initial accreditation
- Public Sanctions (Probation, Show Cause Order)
- Denial of reaffirmation of accreditation
- Revocation of accreditation
- Denial of a proposed substantive change

The Program may appeal the Council's adverse action on grounds that such decision is arbitrary, capricious, or otherwise in substantial disregard of the CCE Standards and/or procedures of the Council, or that the decision is not supported by substantial evidence in the record upon which Council took action. The burden of proof remains upon the Program at all times.

### Notice of Council Adverse Decision

Official notification of a Council adverse decision will be sent registered or certified mail return receipt requested to the CEO and/or CAO of the Program and the governing board chair. The notice shall advise the Program that it has the right to appeal an adverse decision and will provide a copy of CCE Policy 8, *Appeals of Decisions by the Council*, and copies of the relevant CCE *Accreditation Standards, Principles, Processes & Requirements for Accreditation*.

The status of an accredited Program remains unchanged until the period for filing an appeal has ended or until the appeal process has been concluded. An appeal filed in accordance with CCE appeal procedures automatically delays the adverse decision until its final disposition. In the case of a denial of reaffirmation of accreditation or revocation of accreditation, the Program remains accredited pending disposition of the appeal.

Public notice of an adverse action shall be in accordance with CCE Policies and Standards. Final appeal decisions may not be appealed.

## **CCE Policy 8                      Appeals of Decisions by the Council (cont.)**

### Initiation of Appeal

Within twenty (20) days following receipt of an adverse decision, a Program electing to appeal that decision must send a written notice of appeal to the Council Chair. The notice of appeal shall be sent registered or certified mail return receipt requested. The notice of appeal shall be sent to the Council Chair, 8049 N. 85th Way, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85258.

The submission of a notice of appeal must be authorized by an official action taken by the governing body of the institution of which the Program is a part. This notice of appeal shall include a concise statement of the grounds for appeal that the program intends to present to the appeals panel. The notice of appeal shall identify the program representatives, which may include legal counsel, who will be present at the appeal. If a notice of appeal is not filed within the 20 days following receipt of the adverse decision, the Program will have lost its right to appeal and the action of the Council will become final.

The CCE President will forward a copy of the notice of appeal to the Council Chair. Immediately upon receiving a timely notice of appeal, the Council Chair shall acknowledge receipt of the notice in writing to the CEO and/or CAO of the Program.

### Criteria for selecting an Appeals Panel

The CCE Administrative Office staff shall maintain a standing list of persons who are qualified to serve on an Appeals Panel in the categories of academic personnel, administrative personnel, educators, and practitioners, as defined by the U.S. Department of Education, to include public members. All members shall meet the eligibility criteria for the category of membership they represent. Additionally, members should demonstrate, 1) longitudinal experience with CCE, its *Standards* and processes, or accreditation in general, and/or, 2) academic or professional experience demonstrating familiarity with higher education and/or accreditation processes. No individual is eligible to serve on an appeals hearing panel that is or has been previously involved with the appellant Program (consistent with CCE conflict of interest policies), was part of the review activity that led to the specific Council adverse action, or who is a current Councilor.

The names of the eligible Appeals Panel members shall be forwarded by the CCE President to the CEO and/or CAO in charge of the Program within seven (7) business days following receipt of the notice of appeal. If the Program believes that any of the eligible Appeals Panel members have a conflict of interest it may object to that individual being placed on the panel within ten (10) business days of receipt of the list of the Appeals Panel members.

The Council Executive Committee shall appoint the three-member Appeals Panel, chosen from the standing list of Appeals Panel members within ten (10) business days of receipt of any conflicts of interest declarations submitted by the Program. Once the Appeals Panel has been selected, the Program requesting the appeal and the Council Chair are so notified by the CCE President.

## **CCE Policy 8                      Appeals of Decisions by the Council (cont.)**

Within ten (10) business days of appointment of the Appeals Panel, the appellant Program and Council Chair shall be notified by the CCE President of the date, time, and place of the hearing. If a designated Appeals Panel member withdraws or is removed by the Council Executive Committee, the Council Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement from the list of acceptable Appeals Panel members.

In the event the Council Executive Committee cannot be convened in a timely manner the CCE Council Chair shall appoint a replacement from the list of acceptable Appeals Panel members.

The Council Executive Committee shall appoint a Chair from among the Appeals Panel members selected to hear the appeal.

The hearing shall be held within 45 days (but not earlier than 30 days) after the Appeals Panel has been appointed:

- A hearing schedule may be changed only due to conditions beyond the control of the Appeals Panel or the Program, such as inclement weather or the illness of an Appeals Panel member.
- Such a change must be approved by the Council Chair.

Within thirty (30) days from the postmarked date the Program receives notice of the appeal hearing, the Program will submit one (1) electronic version and five (5) hard (paper) copies of its written grounds for appeal setting forth its arguments and evidence in support of its appeal. Three (3) copies for the Appeals Panel, one (1) copy for the Council Chair and one (1) hard copy and the electronic version to be kept on file in the CCE Administrative Office. Immediately upon receiving the grounds for appeal, the CCE President will acknowledge receipt in writing to the CEO and/or CAO of the Program and forward a copy to the Council Chair.

### Appeals Panel Procedures

- The Appeals Panel Chair shall promptly receive from the CCE President the complete record of the accreditation proceedings involving the appellant Program.
- This Appeals Panel must act by majority vote.
- The record shall include the following as applicable to the appeal (from the accreditation cycle in question):
  1. Correspondence between Council and the Program
  2. Submission of applicable Self-Study Report or Revised Application for Accreditation or Substantive Change Request
  3. Site Visit Team Report or applicable report
  4. Program Response to Site Visit Team Report and Correction of Errors in Fact
  5. Progress reports submitted by the Program
  6. Program Characteristics Reports (PCR) submitted by the Program
  7. The Program grounds for appeal documentation
- A list of all materials that comprise the complete record shall be identified and made available to the Program.

## **CCE Policy 8                      Appeals of Decisions by the Council (cont.)**

- The record shall be provided to all members of the Appeals Panel in advance of the appeal hearing.
- One (1) copy of the entire record for appeal shall be maintained by the CCE Administrative Office in accordance with the File and Records Management Plans.

### Hearing Format

- The appeal hearing shall commence with an opening statement by the Chair of the Appeals Panel identifying each person present and describing the applicable standard(s) of review and the procedures to be followed at the hearing.
- The appellant Program is then permitted to make a statement of no more than 45 minutes in length in support of the appeal. The appellant Program may be represented by legal counsel. The presentation shall be limited to the material issues related to the adverse decision of the Council and/or, new financial information, if applicable, in accordance with the conditions listed in the Ground Rules section of this policy.
- CCE (Council Chair) shall have an opportunity to reply to the appellant Program's presentation. CCE may be represented by legal counsel.
- The Chair of the Appeals Panel shall allow for questions and answers from any participant and panel members during the hearing.
- The Chair of the Appeals Panel may recess the hearing at any time.
- At the conclusion of the hearing, the Chair of the Appeals Panel may call for a final statement from each party.

### Ground Rules

With the exception of new information pertaining to failure to meet a standard related to finances, information to an appeals hearing will consist of that evidence presented to the Council prior to the adverse action. Information not reviewed by the Council prior to the Council decision cannot be considered by the Appeals Panel; however, the Program may seek review of new financial information by the Appeals Panel if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The financial information was unavailable to the institution or program until after the decision subject to appeal was made.
2. The financial information is significant and bears materially on the financial deficiencies identified by CCE. The criteria of significance and materiality are determined by CCE.
3. The only remaining deficiency cited by CCE in support of a final adverse action decision is the institutions or program's failure to meet the CCE standard pertaining to finances.

Furthermore, the Program may seek the review of new financial information described above only once and any determination by CCE made with respect to that review does not provide a basis for an additional appeal.

## **CCE Policy 8                      Appeals of Decisions by the Council (cont.)**

The Appeals Panel will determine the relevance of the information presented. The panel will determine what information is pertinent and will ignore that which is not.

With the exception of the information noted above with regards to finances, the appellant Program may not present the appeals panel with revised data or program descriptions that were not reviewed initially by the Council. Such information offered by the appellant Program at the time of the appeals hearing shall be ignored by the panel.

### Decisions

The Appeals Panel serves in an advisory or procedural role, and also has and uses the authority to make the following decisions:

- To affirm,
- Amend,
- Reverse, or
- Remand the adverse actions of the Council.

A decision to affirm, amend, or reverse the adverse action is implemented by the Council. In a decision to remand the adverse action to the Council for further consideration, the appeals panel must identify specific issues that the Council must address. In a decision that is implemented by or remanded to the Council, the Council must act in a manner consistent with the appeals panel's decisions or instructions.

The Appeals Panel will make its decision in executive session at the end of the hearing or, if time does not permit the Appeals Panel to conclude its deliberations on the day of the appeal hearing, it may reconvene in executive session in person or by telephone conference call after the hearing.

### Post-Hearing Procedures

The panel members shall decide on the issues presented in the appeal. The panel shall issue its findings and decision as follows:

- a. Each area of concern or cited area of noncompliance will be considered separately and the panel will determine whether each concern or area of noncompliance is supported by substantial evidence. Substantial evidence is such relevant evidence which might reasonably be accepted as supporting the concern or area of noncompliance cited.
- b. The panel will determine whether those concerns or areas of noncompliance that are supported by substantial evidence are sufficient to support the adverse action of the Council.
- c. The panel will also consider whether the procedures used to reach the adverse action were contrary to established CCE procedures, policies or practices and whether the procedural error prejudiced the Council's consideration.
- d. The panel will then draft a report detailing its findings as described in paragraphs a through c above and will issue a decision to affirm, amend, reverse or remand the adverse action of the Council.



**CCE Policy 8                      Appeals of Decisions by the Council (cont.)**

- e. The findings and decision of the Appeals Panel shall be submitted by its Chair to the CCE Administrative Office within ten (10) business days of the appeal hearing. The CCE President will then send a copy of the final report to the Council Chair and the CEO or CAO of the appellant Program.

Under extraordinary circumstances, the specified time limits may be extended with the mutual consent of the Council Chair, the Chair of the Appeals Panel and the appellant Program.

Final Action and Notification

If the Appeals Panel affirms the action of the Council, the decision of the Council becomes final and effective on the date of the Appeals Panel decision and is not subject to further appeal.

If the Appeals Panel amends, reverses, or remands the adverse action of the Council, the Council will meet in person or by telephone conference call to review the decision of the appeals panel and implement the specific issues detailed in the appeals panel report. These decisions are final and not subject to further appeal.

At the same time the Program is notified, the CCE President will notify the United States Department of Education, the appropriate state regulatory authority, and the appropriate institutional accrediting agency of final Council decisions to: deny initial or reaffirmation of accreditation; deny a proposed substantive change; revoke accreditation; or, impose a sanction of probation or show cause order. The public and other interested parties will be notified of final adverse actions in accordance with CCE *Policies and Standards*.

Financial Responsibility for an Appeals Hearing

The Program making the appeal shall assume the expense involved in the development and presentation of its appeal. All expenses associated with the hearing, such as those for the meeting room, administrative support, travel, meals and lodging for members of the panel, shall be the sole responsibility of the appellant Program. The CCE Administrative Office will arrange for and bear the costs of the appeal during the appeal process and forward an itemized invoice to the appellant Program at the conclusion of the appeal process. The appellant Program will be given ten (10) business days from receipt of the invoice to provide payment of the appeal to the CCE Administrative Office. The expenses of legal counsel and/or witnesses providing testimony or evidence for the hearing shall be assumed by the party requesting their presence.

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**CCE Policy 9                      Exceptions and Waivers to the CCE *Standards***

The purpose of the Council is to certify the quality and integrity of Doctor of Chiropractic Degree Programs (DCPs) by interpreting the criteria for and conducting the process of accreditation. While the CCE *Standards* exist to ensure fairness and consistency in accreditation decisions, they are not intended to discourage innovation, nor are they designed to function as an unfair barrier to accreditation when a DCP is faced with exceptional circumstances.

An exception or waiver to the CCE *Standards* may be granted by the Council to a DCP under rare and extraordinary circumstances, on a case-by-case basis.

A request for an exception or waiver must be submitted on a CCE *Standards* Exception/Waiver Request Form, and be supported by written documentation describing the circumstances that justify the request. The request also must provide details, with timelines where appropriate, regarding the manner whereby the DCP will continue to maintain compliance with the *Standards* during the exception/waiver period. In particular, the DCP must provide evidence of available resources sufficient to support a DCP that maintains compliance with the *Standards*. The Council will retain exclusive authority to approve or deny requests for exceptions or waivers. The Council decision will be based on the DCPs documented ability to maintain compliance with the *Standards*.

The Request Form must be submitted to the Administrative Office at least 60 days prior to the next scheduled Council meeting, in order to be included for deliberation at that meeting. At the conclusion of deliberations, the Council will notify the DCP of any actions taken, in accordance with CCE *Standards* notification procedures.

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## **CCE Policy 10                      Academy of Site Team Visitors**

The Council establishes and maintains a roster of selected individuals, known as the Academy of Site Team Visitors or *Academy*, to conduct accreditation-related site team visits to programs/institutions. Announcements seeking qualified candidates are periodically disseminated to CCE-accredited programs/institutions, state licensing boards, national/state professional organizations and national/regional/specialized accrediting agencies, extending invitation to apply or make nominations for membership in the Academy. Upon selection, individuals serve an initial three-year term, which may be repeated.

Individuals applying to the Academy are required to complete and/or submit the following information to the CCE Administrative Office for review by the Site Team Academy Committee:

- a. Academy of Site Team Visitors application.
- b. Current resume/CV, detailing experience and qualifications in one or more of the five areas of required expertise.
- c. Two letters of reference/recommendation.
- d. A letter of intent from the applicant expressing his/her interest in serving on the Academy.
- e. If the nominee is employed at a program/institution, a letter from the appropriate program/institutional supervisor agreeing to provide release time for service on a site team.

The Academy is comprised of individuals qualified to review programs and institutions of higher education in one or more areas of expertise covered under the Standards:

- a. Finance, facilities and financial aid.
- b. Mission, goals, objectives, self-assessment and planning, governance, administration, student services and admissions.
- c. Basic sciences – faculty, curriculum, instruction, learning assessment, and research.
- d. Clinical sciences – faculty, curriculum, instruction learning assessment, and program learning resources.
- e. Assessment of learning / clinical competency through core clinical training, clinic experience and management, competency assessment and service.
- f. Core clinical training, clinical experience and management and patient quality assurances (QA).

In most instances, comprehensive site teams include a practicing doctor of chiropractic.

As qualified, individuals are assigned primary area(s) of responsibility with the expectation that they will be available to support in all other areas. Once an individual has agreed to serve in the Academy, he/she must receive specific information and training before going on a site visit. As terms in the Academy expire, and as members retire or withdraw, new members will be invited to apply and experienced members will be further trained in other areas and as potential chairs.

**CCE Policy 10                      Academy of Site Team Visitors (cont.)**

To be eligible for appointment or recommended for further service to the Academy of Site Team Visitors, individuals must:

- a. Have expertise and knowledge in higher education practices, educational accreditation, professional licensure and/or clinical chiropractic practice.
- b. Demonstrate writing and computer skills sufficient to effectively communicate site team findings, summarize conclusions, and clearly articulate concerns and recommendations directly related to the requirements of the Standards.
- c. Demonstrate integrity, objectivity, fairness and ethics.
- d. Demonstrate professional responsibility and sound judgment.
- e. Demonstrate ability to work efficiently and autonomously with assigned duties and as a team member in contributing to the overall work of the team.
- f. Demonstrate ability to meet deadlines.
- g. Attend a minimum of one training session/workshop for site team members within a term of appointment.
- h. Be available to serve on at least one (1) site team visit annually, if requested.
- i. Maintain confidentiality as specified by CCE policies and procedures and in accordance with CCE Policy 4.
- j. Act, at all times, with professional demeanor.

The Site Team Academy Committee conducts service reviews of term expiring Academy members at regularly established meetings considering factors such as, site team chair evaluations, availability, training attended over the rating period, and performance on site visits. If the committee determines that an individual no longer meets the eligibility requirements of the Academy, the Chair of the Site Team Academy Committee may request removal from the Academy roster or further training. The Council Chair is notified and the Council determines further service of the individual or training based on the recommendation of the committee.

All Academy members must inform the Site Team Academy Committee Chair immediately (through the CCE Administrative Office), and decline to participate, if invited to serve on a team visiting a Program at which they have a personal conflict of interest (Reference: CCE Policy 18, *Conflict of Interest*).

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## **CCE Policy 11                      CCE Site Visit Teams**

The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) site visit teams represent the Council in evaluating programs/institutions. The site team is comprised of individuals qualified to review one or more areas in the Standards.

The CCE Council Chair, working in coordination with the Council Site Team Academy Committee Chair and the CCE Administrative Staff, selects team members from the current Academy of Site Team Visitors roster. Selection is based upon academic and professional experience; area(s) of expertise; previous team experience, and past performance. Every effort is made to avoid selection of individuals with known conflicts of interest. (Reference: CCE Policy 18, Conflict of Interest).

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the program is encouraged to discuss any concerns about proposed team members with the CCE Council Chair and/or the CCE President before submitting a request for removal. Any request for removal of the proposed team member must be submitted to the CCE Council Chair within seven (7) working days of the receipt of the roster of proposed team members by the program/institution.

### **Size and Composition of Site Visit Teams and Length of Visits**

Comprehensive (Full) Site Visit - Full review of a program applying for initial accreditation or reaffirmation of accredited status and scheduled for the spring or fall following submission of the self-study report. Generally, six team members (to include the Site Team Chair) comprise this site visit team and are selected from each category of expertise. The categories include, but are not limited to, Governance/Administration/Planning & Assessment, Finance/Facilities, Faculty/Research/Learning Resources, Educational Program/Admissions/Service, Core Clinical Training/Clinical Expertise and Management and residencies (if applicable). The normal length of this visit is four days with the exit briefing on the fourth day.

Focused Site Visit - Focused review conducted at the discretion of the Council to address issues or concerns needing attention or follow-up. These visits include approval of a substantive change. Generally, two to three team members (to include the Site Team Chair) comprise this site visit team and are selected in the category(s) of expertise needed to perform the visit. The length of this visit varies based on the review needed by the Council, but generally, three days is appropriate with the exit briefing on the third day.

Interim Site Visit - Follow-up review scheduled midway through the routine accreditation cycle. The Council has the option of conducting or not conducting the visit if no concerns or issues have been identified. If necessary, two or three team members (to include the Site Team Chair) generally comprise this site visit team and are selected in the category(s) of expertise needed to perform the visit. The length of this visit varies based on the review needed by the Council, but generally, two to three days is appropriate with the exit briefing on the last day of the visit.

In all instances when a site visit is conducted, the Council Chair may extend the visit length or change the size of the team due to the complexity of the visit.

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**CCE Policy 12                      Suits Against CCE, Jurisdiction, Venue and Choice of Law**

Jurisdiction and venue of any suit, claim, or proceeding relating to membership, accreditation, or accredited status, whether a claim for damages or for injunctive or declaratory relief, brought by an accredited member, former member, or applicant for membership and accredited status, against CCE or a CCE Councilor, officer, committee member, an Appeals Panel, or a member or staff member acting in his or her official capacity shall only be in the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona (Phoenix). The law of Arizona shall govern the interpretation, validity and performance of the terms of the *CCE Bylaws*, *Manual of Policies* and the *Accreditation Manual*, as well as any dispute between an accredited member, former member, or applicant for membership and CCE, regardless of the law that might otherwise be applied under any principles of conflicts of laws. Accredited members, former members and applicants must exhaust all administrative remedies provided for in the *CCE Bylaws*, *Manual of Policies* and *Accreditation Manual* before initiating any suit, claim, or proceeding in a court of law.

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## **CCE Policy 14                      Accreditation Fees and Assessments**

In accordance with CCE Bylaws, the Council may set and levy accreditation fees and assessments for CCE-accredited programs/institutions and determine such penalties as it deems appropriate for nonpayment. Payments shall be made within each fiscal year.

The fees and assessments are based upon (either or both):

- a. Base fee assessment for each program/institution.
- b. Pro-rata Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE) student assessment.

Action against programs/institutions for late payment or nonpayment of required levies shall be limited to notices by the CCE President of fines levied. Continued nonpayment shall be referred to the Council Chair for consideration and, if necessary, referral to the Council Executive Committee. The CCE Council shall also approve and levy emergency fees and assessments as the need arises.

### **Doctor of Chiropractic Degree Programs (DCPs)**

Annual FTE student assessment fees are applied biannually. There shall be a 3% annual fee increase each fiscal year. Notice will be given to all programs/institutions should the annual fee increase change.

### **Chiropractic Residency Programs**

Annual assessment fees are applied as follows:

- a. Programs with less than 10 residents - \$1,500
- b. Programs with 10 or more residents - \$2,500

### **Comprehensive Site Visits**

Before a comprehensive and/or initial/reaffirmation site visit, DCPs being visited are pre-billed by CCE for the estimated cost of the site team visit. The estimate used is for a seven-person four-day visit in the amount of \$21,000. In the event that more/less persons or days are assigned to the site visit, the CCE President will adjust the amount accordingly. The DCP must pay these fees at least three (3) weeks prior to the visit.

If the actual cost of the site visit exceeds or is less than the billed amount by more or less than 5%, the CCE Administrative Office will send an additional invoice or refund the DCP for that amount. Variations of 5% or less will not be refunded or billed to the DCP.

### **Focused and Interim Site Visits**

Focused and Interim site visits to DCPs may be assigned with various combinations of persons and days. Due to this variation, these types of visits are billed at cost plus eight (8) percent for administrative overhead after the visit has occurred and actual costs are tabulated.

### **Residency Program Site Visits**

Comprehensive (initial/reaffirmation) and Focused site visits to Residency Programs may be assigned with various combinations of persons and days. Due to this variation, these types of visits may be billed prior to (flat fee rate) or after the site visit (cost plus 8% for administrative overhead) based on historical data.

**CCE Policy 14                      Accreditation Fees and Assessments (cont.)**

NOTE: All costs for observers assigned to site visits by CCE (new Councilors, new Academy members in training, etc.) are borne by CCE. Any observers assigned by recognition organizations (USDE or CHEA) are borne by the respective organization. In all cases, the program is not responsible for costs incurred by observers.

**Initial Accreditation Fees**

Along with the submission of eligibility documents, the prospective DCP applying for initial accreditation with CCE will be billed an initial application fee of \$2,500, due upon receipt of the Initial Application of Eligibility, whether found eligible to apply or not. Residency programs applying for initial accreditation are billed an initial application fee of \$1,000, following the same process as above.

If the prospective DCP is determined to be eligible for application by the Council, the DCP will be required to submit an initial self-study report approximately 6 months prior to the scheduled site visit and an additional fee of \$5,000 will be billed and due upon receipt of the initial self-study report. Residency programs submitting an initial self-study report are billed an additional fee of \$2,000, following the same process as above.

NOTE: If a prospective DCP is applying for initial accreditation of both its DCP as well as its Residency Program, the initial application fee of \$2,500 and initial self-study report fee of \$5,000 only apply.

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## **CCE Policy 15                      Attendance and Procedures at Council Meetings**

The Council designates the regularly scheduled annual and semi-annual meetings as open (business) and/or closed (accreditation) sessions. The business portion of these meetings is open to interested observers from all members of the public. Those attending are observers only and do not participate in the Council's discussion. Confidential accreditation matters are discussed in a closed session of the meetings that is not open to observers.

### **Public Comments Registration**

The Council Chair (at his/her discretion) may designate time on the agenda for public comments in the business portion of the meetings. Observers are welcome to provide oral comments during this time period and are required to pre-register with the CCE Administrative Office, following posting of the meeting announcement on the CCE website ([www.cce-usa.org](http://www.cce-usa.org)), to assist the Council in making arrangements for the meeting. To make an oral comment, all observers must register no later than June 30 for semi-annual meetings in July and no later than December 31 for annual meetings in January. No observers in attendance or making oral comments may distribute written materials at the meetings.

### **Invited Recognition Agency or Other Representatives**

The Council may invite representatives of the US Department of Education (USDE) and/or the Council on Educational Accreditation (CHEA) to observe Council proceedings in accordance with USDE and CHEA recognition requirements. In addition, the Council may invite representatives of other organizations/associations to observe Council proceedings and/or provide information to the Council. All invited observers must sign and submit confidentiality agreements in accordance with CCE Policy 4, *Confidentiality of Council Actions*.

### **Excusal/Costs**

At the discretion of the Council, observers may be excused during any portion of the Council Meeting and are always excused if the Council moves to executive session (in accordance with *Roberts Rules of Order*). The Council does not assume any travel, hotel or other costs for observers attending the meetings.

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## **CCE Policy 16                      Joint and Other Evaluations**

DCEPs seeking renewal and/or reaffirmation of accreditation from both the Council of The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) and a regional or other related specialized accreditation agency are encouraged to consider requesting either a joint evaluation or a concurrent evaluation, if the time periods for both agencies coincide and pending prior approval by the Council.

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## **CCE Policy 18                      Conflict of Interest**

Councilors, Academy of Site Team Visitors, Member Representatives, CCE Administrative Office Staff, other CCE Representatives, Appeals Panel Members and Consultants retained by CCE; shall not engage in activities that would result in a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest that would affect their ability to be impartial and objective with their CCE-related duties or that would result in personal gain to themselves.

Those categories of individuals listed above will report and/or declare potential or real conflicts of interest prior to each Council Meeting, site visit or other CCE related activity when a potential or real conflict of interest exists. The CCE Administrative Office will maintain all conflict of interest declarations in accordance with the CCE Records Management and File Plans.

The Council expects Academy of Site Team Visitors to avoid potential conflicts of interest in the peer review process. Councilors must avoid personal situations that might present conflicts of interest in their relations with DCPs, institutions, or residency programs.

Councilors should recuse themselves from discussion and/or decision-making when conflicts exist that warrants such exclusion. The Council Chair has final authority over councilors and site team members in deciding appropriate measures to be taken when conflicts of interest exist.

### **Obligations and Responsibilities:**

The following circumstances are considered conflicts of interest for all categories of individuals listed above if the individual in question:

- a. is a graduate of the CCE accredited program or institution within the past five years;
- b. is or has been a compensated consultant, within the past eight years for the CCE accredited program. Providing unpaid services, such as occasional (guest) lectures or presentations does not represent a conflict of interest;
- c. is or has been an appointee or employee (e.g., a board member, extension faculty) of the CCE accredited program within the past eight years;
- d. is or has been a candidate for employment at the CCE accredited program within the past year;
- e. has a family member who is an employee, board member, candidate for employment, or student at the CCE accredited program;
- f. has any other relationship, association or affiliation which would serve as an impediment to rendering impartial objective professional judgment regarding the accreditation of a program or in carrying out CCE-related duties; or
- g. feels there is any circumstance that could be a real, potential, or apparent conflict of interest that would impair the ability to be impartial or objective in carrying out CCE-related duties.

**CCE Policy 18                      Conflict of Interest (cont.)**

**Observers:**

**a. Council Observers**

The Council Chair may assign a councilor to observe a site visit at a program to provide the councilor with a better understanding of the accreditation process. A Council observer may not participate in the work of the site visit team including deliberations, decision-making or report writing. The Council observer may participate in Council deliberations, decision-making and status/progress review decisions.

**b. Site Team Observers**

The Council Chair may assign an individual to observe a site visit at a program as part of the training process for selection to the Academy of Site Team Visitors or for a current Academy of Site Team Visitor to shadow a site team chair for training/future assignment as a chair. In these instances, the individual may not participate in the deliberations, decision-making, report writing or consensus process of the site team as outlined in the *CCE Accreditation Manual*.

**Consulting:**

A member of a site visit team shall not serve the visited program as a compensated consultant for a period of at least one-year following the final accreditation action.

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7/15/16, 7/14/17**

**CCE Policy 19                      Official Documents and CCE Spokespersons**

No individual Councilor, CCE Administrative Staff member, Academy member, CCE consultant, CCE committee/task force member, agent or other person is empowered to make or modify official documents, policy, rules, procedures and decisions on behalf of CCE.

The official CCE spokesperson is its Council Chair or his/her designee.

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**CCE Policy 20                      Notification of U.S. Secretary of Education Regarding Fraud,  
Abuse or Failure to Meet Title IV Responsibilities**

Should the Council have reason to believe that any Council on Chiropractic Education-accredited DCP is failing to meet its Title IV, Health Education Assistance (HEA) DCP responsibilities, or is engaged in fraud or abuse, the Council will provide to the U.S. Secretary of Education the name of that DCP, and the reason for concern, within fifteen (15) days of discovery. Due to confidentiality requirements; the program/institution will not be notified of CCE's intent to notify the U.S. Secretary of Education.

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## **CCE Policy 22**

## **Program Integrity & Representation of Accreditation Status**

### **Integrity**

In all relationships with CCE, the Program/Institution shall demonstrate honesty and integrity. In submitting materials for initial accreditation or reaffirmation of accreditation, or other reporting procedures, the program agrees to comply with The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) requirements, policies, guidelines, decisions and requests. During the processes of accreditation the program must evidence full and candid disclosure, and shall make readily available all relevant information. The program shall provide the Council with unrestricted access to all parts and facets of its operations, with full and accurate information about program affairs, including reports of other accrediting, licensing, or auditing agencies, as requested.

### **Breaches of Integrity**

A program's failure to disclose information honestly and completely by presenting false information, by the intentional omission of relevant information, or by distortion of information for the purpose of deliberate misrepresentation, will be considered to be a breach of integrity, in and of itself. If it so appears to the Council that the program has compromised the parameters of integrity in either the materials or information submitted, or in any other manner that requires immediate attention, an investigation may be instituted. After the investigation, the program will be afforded an opportunity to respond to any alleged infractions.

### **Actions**

The Council may require additional reports and/or schedule a special visit to determine if a breach of integrity has occurred. Verification of any instances of breaches of integrity may affect the program's standing with the Council. If, after notice and opportunity to respond, the Council concludes that the program is willfully practicing misrepresentation, or has presented false information to the Council or to any other concerned parties, action may be taken to withdraw accreditation. The Council may withdraw accreditation in the event the program fails to provide and disclose completely all relevant information and materials requested by the Council. The Council may or may not place the program on probation before withdrawing accreditation, but fully reserves the discretionary power to act in the manner that is deemed most suitable to address any occasion of breaches of integrity and disclosure.

### **Public Statements**

The Council reserves the right to verify the accuracy of the program's public statements. In all instances, the program should contact CCE for review and approval of any statements not specific to CCE policies and procedures prior to publishing such statements.

A doctor of chiropractic degree program (DCP) accredited by the Council must use the following statement when describing its status publicly (to include the DCP's official website):

"The Doctor of Chiropractic degree program at (name of institution) is awarded programmatic accreditation by The Council on Chiropractic Education, 8049 North 85<sup>th</sup> Way, Scottsdale, AZ, 85258-4321, Phone: (480)443-8877, Website: [www.cce-usa.org](http://www.cce-usa.org)."

A residency program accredited by the Council must use the following statement when describing its status publicly (to include the program's official website):

**CCE Policy 22                      Program Integrity & Representation of Accreditation Status (cont.)**

“The residency program at (name of institution) is awarded programmatic accreditation by The Council on Chiropractic Education, 8049 North 85<sup>th</sup> Way, Scottsdale, AZ, 85258-4321, Phone: (480)443-8877, Website: [www.cce-usa.org](http://www.cce-usa.org).”

A DCP accredited by the Council that also includes a residency program accredited by the Council must use the following statement when describing its status publicly (to include the DCP’s official website):

“The Doctor of Chiropractic degree program and Residency program at (name of institution) are awarded programmatic accreditation by The Council on Chiropractic Education, 8049 North 85<sup>th</sup> Way, Scottsdale, AZ, 85258-4321, Phone: (480)443-8877, Website: [www.cce-usa.org](http://www.cce-usa.org).”

A solitary purpose institution accredited by the Council must use the following statement when describing its status publicly (to include its official website):

“(Name of solitary purpose chiropractic institution) is awarded programmatic and institutional accreditation by The Council on Chiropractic Education, 8049 North 85<sup>th</sup> Way, Scottsdale, AZ, 85258-4321, Phone: (480)443-8877, Website: [www.cce-usa.org](http://www.cce-usa.org).”

Any program (DCP or Residency) that has, a) submitted an application for initial accreditation, b) received approval of the application by the Council, and c) been provided with Self-Study, Site Visit and Status Review Meeting dates by the Council, may only use the following statement when describing its status publicly (to include the program’s/institution’s official website):

“The (Doctor of Chiropractic degree program or Residency program) at (name of institution) is currently engaged in the process of seeking programmatic accreditation by the Council on Chiropractic Education, 8049 North 85<sup>th</sup> Way, Scottsdale, AZ, 85258-4321, Phone: (480)443-8877, Website: [www.cce-usa.org](http://www.cce-usa.org). During this application process, the program does not hold accredited status with the agency, nor does the agency ensure eventual accreditation.”

Programs may provide additional information regarding its accreditation status with CCE, for example, the historical account of its accreditation, but it must do so separately and independent of the required statements listed above.

If the Council determines that a CCE-accredited program/institution is making incorrect, misleading or misrepresentation of public statements about its accreditation status, the contents of site visit reports, program effectiveness, success of graduates and/or Council accrediting actions, the Council will act to have the program/institution publicly correct the statements within a specified time frame. If the program/institution does not take corrective action within the time period established by the Council, the Council may, at its discretion, release a public statement in such form and content as it deems necessary to provide the public with the correct information and consider further action regarding the program/institution.

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## **CCE Policy 23 Authority, Responsibility and Action Regarding CCE Standards**

### **Systematic Program of Review for the CCE Standards**

This policy delineates CCE’s plan for comprehensive review to determine the Standards are adequate to evaluate the quality of the education or training provided by the institutions and programs it accredits and relevant to the educational or training needs of students.

### **Initiation of Proposed revisions to the CCE Standards**

To facilitate and maintain excellence in the measure of the academic quality of chiropractic education, to improve the accreditation process and reflect student educational and training needs, the *CCE Accreditation Standards, Principles, Processes & Requirements for Accreditation (Standards)*; and related *CCE Policies, Manuals, etc.*, undergo a systematic cycle of reassessment over an eight-year period of time.

A Task Force is established by the Council Chair to undertake the process of *Standards* revision. There is opportunity for all constituencies of interest to review drafts of the proposed *Standards* and provide public comment for consideration by the Council. Constituencies of interest include but are not limited to: USDE, CHEA, other accrediting agencies, chiropractic professional organizations, regulatory bodies, and Doctor of Chiropractic programs/institutions.

### **Procedures for Submission of changes to the CCE Standards**

The following table outlines the tentative timelines for the cycle of such activities; proposed revisions will be coordinated through the CCE Administrative Office as follows:

<b>Overview of the CCE Systematic Standards Revision Activity</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>YEAR 1</b>
1. Council Chair appoints Standards Review Task Force (SRTF), CCE Staff invites appointees, and listing of SRTF members is posted to the CCE website to inform the public that the systematic review cycle for <i>Standards</i> revision has begun.	January – July
2. CCE Staff provides SRTF Chair with feedback received from DCPs and Academy of Site Team Visitors of recent site visits.	Following appointment of SRTF
3. SRTF conduct meetings, develop plan/timelines and assigns subcommittees to areas of responsibility within the <i>Standards</i> .	July – December
4. SRTF Chair completes an update/report for review by the Council at its Annual Meeting.	Prior to Annual Meeting
<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>YEAR 2</b>
5. Council reviews SRTF Chair Update/Report at the Annual Meeting and makes recommendations (if applicable).	January
6. Council Chair, CCE Staff and SRTF representatives hold public hearings at various professional organizational meetings throughout the year to gather feedback and comments on the process and the <i>CCE Standards</i> .	February - November
7. Analysis and review conducted by CCE Staff and forwarded to the SRTF on the adequacy of the <i>CCE Standards</i> to evaluate the quality of education and relevancy to the training needs of students by means of survey or other appropriate mechanism.	July - December
8. SRTF Chair presents an update/report to the Council at the Semi-Annual Meeting (if necessary).	Prior to the Semi-Annual Meeting
9. SRTF reviews Council recommendations from the Annual and/or Semi-Annual Meetings,	February-November

feedback received, survey results and any other information provided and compiles Draft 1.	
10. SRTF Chair compiles a Report on Draft 1 from feedback received from various meetings for review by the Council at the Annual Meeting.	Prior to Annual Meeting
<b>YEAR 3</b>	<b>YEAR 3</b>
11. Council reviews SRTF Chair Report and Draft 1 at the Annual Meeting and makes revisions and recommendations (if applicable).	January
12. SRTF completes revisions and reviews recommendations from the Council and compiles Draft 2.	February – May
13. SRTF Chair presents an update/report to the Council at the Semi-Annual Meeting (if necessary).	July
14. Draft 2 of the revised Standards is posted to the website for public comment from all constituencies of interest with deadline date of November 1 (60 days).	September 1
15. SRTF reviews recommendations from the Council, feedback received from meetings with various professional groups and completes Draft 2.	December
16. SRTF Chair compiles a Report on Draft 2 from feedback received from various meetings for review by the Council at the Annual Meeting.	Prior to Annual Meeting
<b>YEAR 4</b>	<b>YEAR 4</b>
17. Council reviews SRTF Chair Report, Draft 2 and public comment at the Annual Meeting and makes revisions and recommendations (if applicable).	January
18. SRTF completes revisions and reviews recommendations from the Council; compiles Final Draft.	February – June
19. CCE Staff reviews, evaluates and make recommendations to the SRTF regarding USDE requirements and CCE policy and procedures.	February – June
20. SRTF Chair presents an update/report to the Council at the Semi-Annual Meeting.	July
21. The Final Draft of the revised Standards is posted to the website for public comment from all constituencies of interest with deadline date of October 1 (60 days).	August 1
22. SRTF reviews input received from public comment period and prepares Final Draft for review by the Council at the Annual Meeting.	November – December
23. SRTF Chair compiles a Report on the Final Draft for review by the Council at the Annual Meeting.	Prior to Annual Meeting
<b>YEAR 5</b>	<b>YEAR 5</b>
24. Council reviews SRTF Chair Report, Final Draft of the revised <i>Standards</i> and public comment for approval at the Annual Meeting. SRTF is dissolved.	January
25. CCE Staff completes Final Draft with any revisions by the Council from the Annual Meeting. New <i>Standards</i> posted to the website effective January of the following year.	TBA
26. CCE Staff posts announcement notifying all interested parties.	TBA
27. Review of CCE Bylaws and Manual of Policies conducted by CCE Staff regarding any new process implementations based on the new Standards with proposed revision(s) submitted to the Council for review at the Annual Meeting.	October
28. Review/Update of Accreditation Manual and Academy of Site Team Visitors Manual conducted by CCE Staff regarding any new process implementations based on the new Standards.	December
<b>YEAR 6</b>	<b>YEAR 6</b>
29. Council reviews/approves proposed revisions to CCE Publications at the Annual Meeting.	January
30. The Council conducts training for the DCPs and the Academy of Site Team Visitors regarding any new process implementations and the new <i>Standards</i> .	January - December
<b>YEAR 7</b>	<b>YEAR 7</b>
31. The Council continues training for the DCPs and the Academy of Site Team Visitors regarding any new process implementations and the new <i>Standards</i> .	January – December
<b>YEAR 8</b>	<b>YEAR 8</b>
32. CCE Staff gather feedback regarding the CCE Standards from DCPs and Academy of Site Team Visitors of recent site visits.	January – December
<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>YEAR 1</b>
33. Process begins again (as outlined in Year 1 above) with the appointment of a new Standards Review Task Force by the Council Chair following the Annual Council Meeting.	January



**CCE Policy 23 Authority, Responsibility and Action Regarding CCE Standards (cont.)**

If the agency's Standards are no longer in compliance with USDE or CHEA requirements/criteria or determined to be confusing or lacking clarity, the Council has the authority to revise the *Standards* outside the normal process as outlined in the above table. The Council must then provide a written revision of the affected portion of the *Standards* only and the revision shall be disseminated and posted to the CCE website for at least 60 days to allow all constituencies of interest an opportunity to submit public comments for review by the Council prior to approval.

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**CCE Policy 24 Authority, Responsibility and Action Regarding CCE Bylaws**

**Authority and Responsibility.** Overall responsibility and authority for The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) *Bylaws* resides with the CCE Council. All policy statements must be consistent with the *CCE Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Standards*.

**Classification and Maintenance.** *CCE Bylaws* represent the rules adopted by the organization for its governance and the regulation of its affairs.

**Creation, Revision and Deletion.** Proposed Bylaw actions may be initiated by any Councilor, or CCE Administrative Staff member, through the CCE President. Bylaws actions recommended are subject to ratification (final approval) by a 2/3 vote of the CCE Council before such actions are implemented.

**Procedures for Submission of changes to the CCE Bylaws.** Proposals for all *Bylaws* revisions must be submitted on approved forms to the CCE Administrative Office normally no later than ninety (90) days before any regular or special Council meeting at which Council action will be taken.

Proposed revisions will be coordinated through the CCE Administrative Office as follows:

<b>Bylaws revision Activity</b>	<b>Deadline Date *</b>
1. Call for Bylaw revision proposals disseminated to the CCE Councilors.	30 days prior to deadline date
2. Proposals due to the CCE Administrative Office, electronic or postmarked, no later than the deadline date.	90 days prior to Council meeting
3. CCE Administrative Office prepares and forwards proposals to the Bylaws, Standards & Policies Committee (BSPC) for review.	10 business days after deadline date
4. BSPC completes its review of all proposals and forwards its recommendations to the CCE Administrative Office.	No later than six (6) weeks prior to the Council Meeting
5. Proposed revisions and BSPC recommendations are prepared by the CCE Administrative Office and disseminated electronically to all Councilors for review prior to the Council meeting.	Four (4) weeks prior to the Council Meeting
6. CCE Council takes action at its meeting. A 2/3 vote of all Councilors is required for any <i>Bylaws</i> revision.	TBA
7. CCE President notifies CCE Members and Councilors regarding any Bylaws revision(s) and posts the new edition on the CCE website for their information.	Four (4) weeks after the Council Meeting
8. CCE President submits changes to USDE (in accordance with CFR 602.27, if applicable) and notifies CCE distribution lists for National & State Professional Organizations, DCP Accreditation Liaisons, and Academy of Site Team Visitors that the new edition of the CCE Bylaws is posted on the CCE website for their information.	Six (6) weeks after the Council Meeting

\* Any date that falls on a weekend or holiday automatically moves to the next business day.

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**CCE Policy 25 Authority, Responsibility and Action Regarding CCE Policy**

**Authority and Responsibility.** Overall responsibility and authority for The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) policy matters resides with the CCE Council. All policy statements must be consistent with the CCE *Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws* and *Standards*. Operational guidelines approved by the Council and the Council Executive Committee may not conflict with CCE *Bylaws* or *Policies*.

**Creation, Revision and Deletion.** Proposed policy actions may be initiated by any CCE Member Representative, Councilor, or CCE Administrative Staff member, through the CCE President. To insure that policy actions recommended are consistent with the CCE *Bylaws, Standards* and/or the policy framework of the CCE Council, all proposals are subject to ratification (final approval) by a majority vote of the CCE Council before such actions are implemented.

**Procedures for Submission of changes to the CCE Policies.** Proposals for all *Policies* revisions must be submitted on approved forms to the CCE Administrative Office normally no later than ninety (90) days before any regular or special Council meeting at which Council action will be taken.

Proposed revisions will be coordinated through the CCE Administrative Office as follows:

<b>Policy revision Activity</b>	<b>Deadline Date *</b>
1. Call for proposed revision to the Policies disseminated to the CCE Members and Councilors.	30 days prior to deadline date
2. Proposals due to the CCE Administrative Office, electronic or postmarked, no later than the deadline date.	90 days prior to Council Meeting
3. CCE Administrative Office prepares and forwards proposals to the Bylaws, Standards & Policies Committee (BSPC) for review.	10 business days after deadline date
4. BSPC completes its review of all proposals and forwards its recommendations to the CCE Administrative Office.	No later than six (6) weeks prior to the Council Meeting
5. Proposed revisions and BSPC recommendations are prepared by the CCE Administrative Office and disseminated electronically to all Councilors for review prior to the Council meeting.	Four (4) weeks prior to the Council meeting
6. CCE Council takes action at its meeting. A majority vote of all Councilors is required for any <i>Policy</i> revision.	TBA
7. CCE President notifies CCE Members and Councilors regarding any Policy revision(s) and posts the new edition on the CCE website for their information.	Four (4) weeks after the Council meeting
8. CCE President submits changes to USDE (in accordance with CFR 602.27, if applicable) and notifies CCE distribution lists for National & State Professional Organizations, DCP Accreditation Liaisons and Academy of Site Team Visitors that the new edition of the CCE Manual of Policies is posted on the CCE website for their information.	Six (6) weeks after the Council meeting

\* Any date that falls on a weekend or holiday automatically moves to the next business day.

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## CCE Policy 29

## CCE Election Processes

In the conduct of CCE elections for seats on the Council nominations shall be solicited and slates of candidates formed in accordance with provisions of the CCE *Bylaws*. To ensure clarity and effectiveness in CCE election processes and possibly in other voting actions, the following procedures shall be observed.

### 1. Call for Nominations

CCE shall release a timely call for open seats on the Council. The President, in collaboration with the Council Development Committee, will establish a list of preferred attributes, experiences and competencies requested of candidates for each seat. This list shall be included in the call for nominations.

### 2. Credentialing Process For Possible Candidates

The nominations and credentials of all nominees shall be collected by CCE staff and forwarded to the Council Development Committee for review and clearance of credentials. The Council Development Committee will review and compare the qualified nominees toward formation of a slate of candidates for each open seat.

### 3. Number Of Candidates Per Open Seat

The Council Development Committee will forward a slate of all eligible (CCE Bylaws, Section 6.02) Category 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 nominees to the ballot. A majority vote of all Members is required to select individuals that will serve as Category 1 & 2 Councilors. A majority vote of all Councilors is required to select individuals that will serve as Category 3, 4 & 5 Councilors.

In the case when there is not a candidate with a majority vote, the candidates receiving the most votes (but less than a majority) will be placed in a runoff election with a minimum of two (2) candidates per open seat. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the runoff election shall be declared elected to the seat. Such a process will be continued as necessary until all seats are filled; consistent with the requirements in CCE Bylaws, Section 5.04(b)(2) for Category 1 & 2 nominees.

### 4. Majority Vote and Requirement To Vote On All Seats

A "majority vote" means a candidate must receive the majority vote of all Members or of all Councilors in an election for the open seat. The number of votes cast by an elector must equal the number of contested seats or the entire ballot cast by that elector is invalid.

### 5. Voting Process

The ballot form will not identify the individual voting and will be submitted in an unmarked transmittal envelope or anonymous electronic voting platform. All results will be validated by two (2) CCE staff members or as designated by the CCE President.

### 6. Determination of a Winner In The Case Of A Tied Vote

In the case of a tied vote for a seat on the Council where one of those involved in the tie is an incumbent candidate, the incumbent shall be declared the elected. If neither candidate is an incumbent, the head of the body (Council Chair) shall review the qualifications of both candidates and shall select the individual to be seated.

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**CCE Election Processes (cont.)**

In the case where the Council Chair is also a voting representative of the "Members" of the Corporation, and voted in the election resulting in the tied vote, the Council Chair shall defer to the Council Development Committee Chair, to select the individual to be seated. In the case where both the Council Chair and Council Development Committee Chair are voting representatives of the "Members" of the Corporation, the Council Chair shall defer to the Council Finance Committee Chair to make the selection.

7. Seating of Councilors with Varying Terms of Service in Open Seats

**Category 1 & 2**

In the case when more than one (1) open seat is available with varying terms of service, the CCE Administrative Office staff will forward the names of the newly elected Councilors and the open seats to the Members for a vote on placement in the respective seats. If after 30 days from the distribution of the information a majority cannot be reached, then the CCE Administrative staff will request the preference from the newly elected Councilors. If there is no preference, the Council will determine how the seating will occur.

**Category 3, 4 & 5**

In the case when more than one (1) open seat is available with varying terms of service, the CCE Administrative Office staff will request the preference from the newly elected Councilors. If there is no preference, the Council will determine how the seating will occur.

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**CCE Policy 34**

**Evaluation and Listing of Accreditation Status for DCPs offered at more than a Single Location**

In the case where a DCP offers the full doctor of chiropractic degree program or selected studies toward the degree program at more than one location, the Council will evaluate the operations at all locations as part of a single accreditation action. In these circumstances, the Council will decide and list accreditation status as a singly accredited DCP, regardless of the number of locations at which such offerings are provided.

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## **CCE Policy 40                      File Management, Release of Information and Privacy**

### **Authority**

The CCE President, as stipulated by the CCE *Bylaws*, is the records custodian for the CCE Administrative Office. Original files may not be removed from the Administrative Office for any reason.

### **Access & Disposition**

Records are created or received in the course of business and contain information related to the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other official activities of the agency. Therefore, access to CCE files is limited to current Councilors, CCE Administrative Office Staff or U.S. Department of Education (USDE) and Commission for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) officials for recognition purposes. Other than access by the CCE Administrative Office Staff, each entry into the files shall be noted in a logbook. The logbook entry shall indicate the name of the authorized person(s) entering the files, the specific files reviewed and the specific reason(s) for entry. If documents are copied, the logbook shall note the specific pages copied.

Disposition of the CCE files are in accordance with the CCE Administrative Office File and Records Management Plans and include both paper copy and electronic versions. Disposition of the records is mandated by statute or agency or other Federal regulations, directives, policies and procedures.

### **Release of Information**

Every agency is legally required to manage its records; they must be managed properly for the agency to function effectively and to comply with Federal laws and regulations. Records are the evidence of the agency's actions. The CCE Administrative Office maintains all records within the jurisdiction of CCE operations in accordance with the CCE Administrative Office File Plan and Records Management Plan. All files are updated on an annual basis by calendar and fiscal years.

To protect the confidentiality of CCE Councilors, CCE Administrative Office Staff and CCE-Accredited Doctor of Chiropractic Programs (DCPs), and to adhere to CCE policies and procedures and maintain compliance with U.S. Department of Education requirements/criteria all files designated, or with relationship to, accreditation activities are not open to the public for release. The CCE President, as records custodian, is the sole authority for release of any of the aforementioned documents to comply with legal and/or other Federal/State regulations, directives, policies or procedures.

Copies of CCE records may be requested from the CCE Administrative Office, in person or in writing, by completing the CCE Release of Information Form, located on the CCE website or obtaining a form from CCE Administrative staff, in accordance with this policy and at a cost fixed by the CCE President. If a written request includes the date of request, name of requester, information required, reason for request and date records are needed, the CCE form is not required. The CCE President will approve all requests before release of the copied records. A log indicating the date of request, the name of the individual requesting the record(s), the specific document(s) copied, the date approved by the CCE President and the cost of the transaction, if applicable, shall be maintained.

**CCE Policy 40                      File Management, Release of Information and Privacy (cont.)**

The CCE Administrative Office Staff shall have access to all files during the course of normal business, while adhering to the rules and requirements of confidentiality, policy and procedure.

**Privacy**

CCE maintains the privacy of files in accordance with CCE Bylaws and federal/state requirements and/or laws. The source documents for such requirements are listed in the CCE Administrative Office Records Management Plan and also in accordance with CCE policies and procedures.

**Responsibilities and Confidentiality**

CCE has specific legal requirements for records management which include:

- Preserving records that contain adequate and proper documentation of the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures and essential transactions of the agency and designed to furnish the information necessary to protect the legal and financial rights of the agency and of persons directly affected by the agency's activities.
- Establishing and maintaining an active, continuing program for the economical and efficient management of the records of the agency.
- Establishing safeguards against the removal or loss of records and making requirements and penalties known to agency officials and employees.
- Notifying the CCE President of any actual, impending or threatened unlawful destruction or release of records and assisting in their recovery.

A DCP may waive its right of confidentiality by express or implied consent. A DCP that makes public any part of its confidential Council materials shall be deemed to have waived its right of confidentiality for those materials by implied consent. The DCP self-study report shall be considered the property of the DCP and the DCP may distribute the report (or its contents, accurately and fairly reported) as it chooses. Such distribution shall not be considered a waiver of confidentiality by implied consent.

Release of any portion of any document other than the self-study report shall constitute a waiver of confidentiality regarding any matters addressed in the released document, and the Council shall be free to address the matter as appropriate to the situation.

The Council Chair or the Council itself shall determine if a DCP has waived its right of confidentiality and the Council Chair shall designate the CCE Councilor, CCE Administrative Office Staff or agent who shall release such information as is proper and appropriate. Violation of this policy shall subject the above listed individuals to such disciplinary action as the Council may deem appropriate.

CCE shall disclose only information regarding CCE Administrative Office Staff relating to the position held, dates of employment and, if requested by the appropriate agency, benefits information. No other human resource and/or payroll information shall be disclosed.

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**CCE Policy 45                      Council Executive Committee Elections**

At the time for election, the Council Chair will call for nominations from the floor for each office, starting with the Chair. Those individuals not interested in being elected are to make that known prior to the nomination process.

Once nominations are closed, each councilor will use a paper ballot to vote among the candidates for the position. The same process will then be followed for election of the remaining Council Executive Committee positions, which include; the chairs of the Council Development Committee, Council Finance Committee, Council Site Team Academy Committee, Council Bylaws, Standards & Policies Committee and the Councilor At Large. Ballots will be counted by the CCE President with a non-candidate observing.

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**CCE Policy 46                      Regard for Decisions of States and Other Accrediting Agencies**

If a state or another recognized accrediting agency issues a sanction against a program/institution applying for or accredited by CCE, the program/institution will be reviewed by the Council to determine whether actions taken by that agency will affect the current accreditation status or application. The Council may conduct a special site visit, request reports or further information, require an appearance by the representatives at a Council meeting, and/or take any other such measures as the Council deems necessary to ensure the program/institution maintains compliance with the requirements for accreditation regarding the CCE Standards and/or policies.

1. Except as provided in paragraph 2 of this section, the Council may not grant initial or reaffirmation of accreditation to an institution, or a program offered by an institution, if the Council knows, or has reasonable cause to know, that the institution is the subject of--

(a) A pending or final action brought by a State agency to suspend, revoke, withdraw, or terminate the institution's legal authority to provide postsecondary education in the State;

(b) A decision by a recognized agency to deny accreditation or preaccreditation;

(c) A pending or final action brought by a recognized accrediting agency to suspend, revoke, withdraw, or terminate the institution's accreditation or preaccreditation; or

(d) Probation or an equivalent status imposed by a recognized agency.

2. The Council may grant initial or reaffirmation of accreditation to an institution or program described in paragraph 1 only if it provides to the U.S. Department of Education, within 30 days of its action, a thorough and reasonable explanation, consistent with its standards, why the action of the other state or accrediting agency does not preclude the Council from granting initial or reaffirmation of accreditation.

3. If the Council learns that an institution it accredits, or an institution that offers a program it accredits, is the subject of an adverse action by another recognized accrediting agency or has been placed on probation or an equivalent status by another recognized agency, the Council must promptly review its accreditation of the institution or program to determine if it should also take adverse action or place the institution or program on probation or show cause.

4. The Council must, upon request, share with other appropriate recognized accrediting agencies and recognized State approval agencies information about the accreditation status of an institution or program and any adverse actions it has taken against an accredited institution or program.

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## CCE Policy 56 Student Performance Disclosure, Thresholds and Outcomes

In keeping with the CCE Accreditation Standards requiring public disclosure of student performance, DCPs must disclose up-to-date results of student performance on national board examinations and completion rates on the program website. Reporting will be posted on one of the following website pages: Home page, Admissions, Academics, Prospective Students, or equivalent page using direct links. All performance data must be posted by August 1 each year using the formats described below.

### NBCE LICENSING EXAMS

Each program shall post annually the overall weighted average of the four (4) most recent years' NBCE Parts I, II, III, and IV Exam success rates. The DCP's may use the Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board (CCEB) Part C exam data in lieu of NBCE Part IV data. Students transferring from another accredited DCP will be included in this calculation.

The DCP shall annually post:

1. The total unduplicated number of graduates of the program who **attempted any or all** parts (Parts I, II, III and IV\*) of the NBCE exams within six (6) months post-graduation;
2. The total unduplicated number of graduates of the program who successfully passed all parts (Parts I, II, III and IV\*) of the NBCE exams within six (6) months post-graduation; and
3. The percentage of these graduates who successfully **passed all** parts (Parts I, II, III and IV\*) of the NBCE exams within six (6) months post-graduation.

\* or CCEB Part C data in lieu of NBCE IV data

The format required for publication as determined by the Council is provided in the following example:

### NBCE Licensing Exam Success Rates

Calendar Year (Last 4 years)	Number of Graduates Attempting Any or All Parts (I, II, III, IV*) of NBCE Exams within six (6) months post-graduation	Number of Graduates Passing All Parts (I, II, III, IV*) of NBCE Exams within six (6) months post-graduation	Percentage of Graduates Passing All Parts (I, II, III, IV*) of NBCE Exams within six (6) months post-graduation
2011	321	268	83%
2012	344	306	89%
2013	299	259	87%
2014	315	287	91%
Totals	1279	1120	88%

\*or CCEB Part C data in lieu of NBCE Part IV data

**Weighted Average**

### DC DEGREE COMPLETION RATES

Each program shall post annually the overall average of the two (2) most recent year's completion rate, calculated at 150% of the normal completion time, for the doctor of chiropractic program. Students transferring from another accredited DCP will be included in this calculation.

**CCE Policy 56 Student Performance Disclosure, Thresholds and Outcomes (cont.)**

The DCP shall annually post:

1. In the heading, provide the name of the DCP and the normal length of the program, e.g., 10 trimesters or 14 quarters
  2. Column A - Adjust to reflect the program’s calendar, i.e., trimesters or quarters
  3. Column B - Provide the number of students that matriculated for each entrance term
  4. Column C - Adjust the column header to reflect 150% of the normal completion time, e.g., 21 quarters for a 14 quarter program
  5. Column D - Provide the number of students in Column A that graduated by term in Column C
  6. Column E – Calculate Column D divided by Column B
  7. Totals - Provide the sum of Column B, sum of Column D, and the overall 2-year completion rate
- NOTE: The two most recently completed academic years of data must be submitted based on the DCPs calendar. Eight data points should be entered for quarterly systems and six data points should be entered for trimester systems.

The format required for publication as determined by the Council is provided in the following example:

**DC Degree Completion Rates**

Name of the Doctor of Chiropractic Program (DCP)				
Normal Length of Program: 14 Quarters				
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
Entrance Term	# of Students Matriculated in Entrance Term	Term 21 Quarters After Entrance Term	# Students in Column A that Graduated by Term in Column C	Completion Rate at the 150th Percentile
Summer 2010	79	Summer 2015	71	89.9%
Fall 2010	78	Fall 2015	69	88.5%
Winter 2010	74	Winter 2015	63	85.1%
Spring 2011	80	Spring 2016	74	92.5%
Summer 2011	79	Summer 2016	69	87.3%
Fall 2011	74	Fall 2016	63	85.1%
Winter 2011	76	Winter 2016	71	93.4%
Spring 2012	80	Spring 2017	73	91.3%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>620</b>		<b>553</b>	<b>89.2%</b>

**THRESHOLDS**

In keeping with the CCE Accreditation Standards requirements concerning student outcomes, the following are established as thresholds. Performance below these thresholds, as derived from data obtained by the Council, will indicate the need for further review and action as determined by the Council.

*Performance on the NBCE Part I, II, III, & IV\* Examinations*

The overall weighted average of the four (4) most recent years’ NBCE Parts I, II, III, and IV\* Exam success rates must not be less than 80%.

**CCE Policy 56                      Student Performance Disclosure, Thresholds and Outcomes (cont.)**

*Completion of the D.C. Degree Program*

The two-year average completion rate, calculated at 150% of the time normally designated for completion of the DC degree, must be at least 70%.

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## **CCE Policy 64                      Complaints**

This policy addresses the requirements and procedures for filing a complaint against a Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) accredited Doctor of Chiropractic Program/Institution or personnel representing the CCE.

### **Statement of Purpose**

The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) recognizes the value of information provided by students, employees, and others in determining whether a program's/institution's performance is consistent with the CCE Accreditation Standards for obtaining or maintaining accreditation. The CCE's interest is also to ensure that programs/institutions maintain appropriate grievance procedures and standards of procedural fairness and that the procedures are applied appropriately and consistently.

The procedures for the review of complaints involving programs/institutions enable the Council to address possible violations of its *Standards*, Principles, Processes & Requirements for Accreditation, and policies or procedures, as well as to address possible violations of a program's/institution's own policies and procedures, if related to the *Standards*.

Because the CCE's complaint procedures are for the purpose of addressing any significant noncompliance with the *Standards*, policies, or procedures, the procedures are not intended to be used to involve the CCE in disputes between individuals and programs/institutions, or cause the CCE to interpose itself as a reviewing authority in individual matters of admission, grades, granting or transferability of credits, application of academic policies, fees or other financial matters, disciplinary matters or other contractual rights and obligations. Nor does the CCE seek redress on an individual's behalf. Under no circumstances does the CCE respond to, or take action on, any complaint or any allegation that contains defamatory statements. Further, the CCE will not serve as a grievance panel when the outcomes of programmatic/institutional grievance or appeal processes are unsatisfactory to the complainant.

The CCE expects individuals to attempt to resolve the issue through all means available to the complainant, including following the program's/institution's own published grievance procedures, before submitting a complaint to the CCE. Therefore, the CCE's usual practice is not to consider a complaint that is currently in administrative proceedings, including programmatic/institutional proceedings, or in litigation. However, if there is substantial, credible evidence that indicates systemic problems with an accredited program/institution, the CCE may, at its discretion, choose to proceed with the review.

### **Responsibilities of Programs/Institutions**

The *CCE Accreditation Standards* state that programs/institutions must maintain; policies and procedures that equitably address student complaints and grievances, student conduct issues and academic standing reviews, documented by records of hearings and proceedings related to such matters. (Section 2.F)

## **CCE Policy 64                      Complaints (cont.)**

The CCE also requires, in accordance with federal regulations (§CFR 602.16), that each program/institution maintains a record of student complaints received by the program/institution that are assessed by the CCE as part of the program's/institution's site visit evaluation for initial or continued accreditation.

### **Procedures for Filing a Complaint against a Program/Institution**

An individual may make an inquiry regarding complaint procedures or about issues and concerns that could be considered complaints; however, the CCE's response and its obligations to meet the specific timetables outlined in these procedures will begin only after the complainant submits a properly completed formal written complaint.

In order to be considered, a formal complaint must be submitted in writing, signed, dated and **two copies** sent to the: Council on Chiropractic Education, Attention: President, 8049 N. 85<sup>th</sup> Way, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85258. The CCE will neither entertain complaints that are not in writing or which are anonymous, nor will it consider complaints sent through facsimile transmission. In addition, the CCE will not act on complaints submitted on behalf of another individual or complaints forwarded to the CCE. The information submitted must include:

- a. A statement describing the complaint in the clearest possible terms.
- b. The section(s) of the *CCE Accreditation Standards* alleged to have been violated and the time frame in which the significant lack of compliance is alleged to have occurred.
- c. A clear and concise written description of the evidence upon which the allegation is based. (Materials and documentation used to support a complainant's allegations should be limited to and directly related to the reported complaint.) The evidence should state relevant facts and document and support the allegation that the program/institution is in significant violation of the standards referenced in the complaint.
- d. Evidence that the program's/institution's formal complaint process has been exhausted. A description of the action taken by the program/institution to date and a copy of the program's/institution's response to the complainant as a result of prescribed procedures.
- e. An acknowledgment that CCE staff may send a copy of the complaint to the President/CAO of the program/institution.
- f. Full disclosure about any other external channels the complainant is pursuing, including legal action.

Once the formal written complaint is submitted, the CCE and the complainant are responsible for the following:

1. The CCE will acknowledge a formal written complaint within 15 business days of its receipt.

**CCE Policy 64                      Complaints (cont.)**

2. Within 60 calendar days after acknowledging receipt of the complaint, the President and/or Council Executive Committee (CEC) will review the complaint and its documentation and determine (1) whether it is within the scope of CCE policies and is accreditation related, (2) if there is adequate documentation in support of the allegations, and (3) whether the complaint raises significant questions about the program's/institution's compliance with the *Standards*. The President or CEC will inform the complainant regarding the disposition of the complaint to include one of the following:

- a. The complaint will not be processed further because it is not within the scope of CCE policies and jurisdiction or there is inadequate documentation to raise questions concerning the program's/institution's compliance with the *Standards*.
- b. Where appropriate, a resolution is suggested to the complainant and/or the program/institution.
- c. The complaint has sufficient substance to warrant further review. In this case, the CCE will make every effort to expedite the investigation; however, the time required to conduct the investigation may vary considerably depending on the circumstances and nature of the complaint. When a complaint is further investigated, a copy of the complaint will be forwarded to the program's/institution's chief executive officer who will be asked to respond to the CCE within 20 business days. Following the review, the complainant and program/institution involved will be notified regarding one of the following:
  - (1) The complaint will not be processed further because there is insufficient evidence of significant non-compliance. The decision of the President or the CEC is final.
  - (2) There appears to be sufficient evidence of significant non-compliance or the President or CEC are unable to determine compliance, then one of the following actions may be taken:
    - (a) Authorize a Special Committee to visit the institution. The Special Committee will examine documents and interview program/institutional personnel to analyze and make a judgment about compliance, and prepare a report. The report of the committee will be forwarded to the Council for review and action at the next regular meeting of the Council. Following that meeting, the complainant and program/institution involved will be notified of the decision of the Council.
    - (b) Forward the complaint and related documentation directly to the Council for review and action. Following their review, the complainant and program/institution involved will be notified of the decision of the Council.
    - (c) Include the complaint for evaluation by a site team during an upcoming scheduled visit to the program/institution. Following the review of the site visit report, the complainant and program/institution involved will be notified of the decision of the Council.

**CCE Policy 64                      Complaints (cont.)**

- (d) Request additional information. After reviewing the additional information, the President or CEC may decide to take any of the actions as described in (1), (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c) above.

For items (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c) above, the decision of the Council is final unless the disposition is one that is otherwise appealable as stated in CCE Policy 8, Appeals of Decisions by the Council.

Individual complaints will be retained in the CCE files by program/institution. Should a number of individual complaints suggest a pattern of concern which may evidence a significant lack of compliance with the *Standards* that was not evident from any one individual complaint, the Council may renew its consideration of the matter for whatever action may be appropriate.

**Complaints against the Council on Chiropractic Education**

Complaints against the CCE are limited to complaints regarding the agency's standards, procedures, and staff or any other CCE representative.

The procedures for filing a complaint are as follows:

1. If the complaint is against a CCE staff member, the following procedure applies.
  - a. The individual should submit a written complaint to the CCE President that includes a description of the specific complaint accompanied by documentation supporting the allegation.
  - b. The President will acknowledge the complaint within 10 business days of its receipt.
  - c. Following review, the President will inform the complainant of action within 30 days of receipt of the complaint.
2. If the complaint is against a Councilor or an agency representative, such as an on-site visiting team member, the following procedure applies.
  - a. The individual should submit a written complaint to the CCE President that includes a description of the specific complaint accompanied by documentation supporting the allegation.
  - b. The President will acknowledge the complaint within 10 business days of its receipt, and;
    - 1) Forward to the Council Executive Committee (CEC) to investigate and make a decision if the complaint is not pertaining to a member of the CEC, or
    - 2) Forward to the Council to investigate and make a decision if the complaint is pertaining to a member of the CEC.



**CCE Policy 64                      Complaints (cont.)**

In both instances, adherence to conflict of interest policies is required and the investigation may include review of the complaint with the individual(s) named as well as with the complainant.

- c. Following review, the President will inform the complainant of action within 45 days of receipt of the complaint.
3. If the complaint is against the CCE President, the following procedure applies.
- a. The individual should submit a written complaint to the Council Chair that includes a description of the specific complaint. It should be addressed to the attention of the "Council Chair" and sent to the CCE Administrative Office, 8049 N. 85<sup>th</sup> Way, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85258.
  - b. The Council Chair will acknowledge the complaint within 20 business days of its receipt and will designate a committee composed of members of the Council Executive Committee and/or the Council to investigate the complaint and recommend action to the Chair. The investigation may include review of the complaint with the CCE President as well as with the complainant.
  - c. The Council Chair will review the recommended action and inform the complainant and CCE President of action within 45 days of receipt of the complaint.

In all cases, concern that action was not in accord with the complainant's expectations is not in and of itself cause for review of the complaint.

**Distinction between Submitting Third-Party Comments and Filing Formal Complaints**

The CCE is interested in ensuring that programs/institutions maintain *ongoing* compliance with CCE Accreditation Standards and policies *outside the program's/institution's scheduled formal accreditation status review* and that programs/institutions maintain appropriate grievance procedures and standards of procedural fairness that are applied consistently. Therefore, if an individual has evidence of a program's/institution's *significant* non-compliance with CCE Accreditation Standards, policies, or procedures, the individual should inform the CCE using these procedures.

Third-party comments are submitted by the public *at the time of a program's/institution's formal accreditation status review* for the purpose of informing the CCE regarding ongoing commitment to compliance with the CCE Accreditation Standards and policies. Therefore, if an individual decides to address a program's/institution's compliance with the *Standards* at the time of the program's/institution's formal accreditation status review, he/she should reference CCE Policy 68, Provision of Opportunity for Third-Party Comment Regarding Accreditation Decisions.

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**CCE Policy 68                      Provision of Opportunity for Third-Party Comment Regarding Accreditation Decisions**

The Council will ensure appropriate opportunity for third-party comment regarding potential accreditation actions. The Council shall publish a current list that identifies those programs having accredited status, and noting any solitary purpose chiropractic institutions also accredited. This list shall identify the current accreditation status of all such programs, and shall identify the anticipated date for the next regularly scheduled accreditation review. This listing shall be posted to the official CCE website for review by the organizations representing all relevant constituencies in the chiropractic profession.

The listing shall include an invitation for third party comment regarding the accredited status of any program and drawing attention to the scheduled dates for Council accreditation actions. By publishing the listing on the official CCE website, and also making these materials available upon request at any time, the Council will insure ample notice and time for third-party comment well in advance of scheduled Council status actions.

To help insure timely attention to any third-party comment, the third-party comment must be submitted at least six (6) months prior to the scheduled status decision, no later than January 31 for a July Status Review Meeting and no later than July 31 for a January Status Review meeting, thus enabling Council attention to such comment prior to normally scheduled site visits. In further efforts to ensure such opportunity, the described list of accredited programs and the described third party comment opportunity will be published on the official CCE website and available to the general public.

The Council will maintain a record of the above-specified actions as well as any received third-party comment regarding accreditation actions, and will document steps taken by the Council in response to such received comment.

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## **CCE Policy 73                      Financial Actions**

Financial accounting for The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) shall be on an accrual basis.

Information about all CCE financial activities shall be available to CCE Councilors.

### **Capitalization**

The CCE shall capitalize and depreciate assets costing \$2,500 or more, and having future economic benefit for the longer of one operating cycle or year, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The depreciation rate will be calculated using the straight-line method and the time table will be based on the Arizona Municipality Capital Assets.

### **Drawing Checks**

All checks must be approved by the CCE President, Vice President or a member of the Council Executive Committee.

All checks in excess of \$2,500 must have two signatures, except for payroll checks and transfer of funds from one CCE banking account to another. All payments exceeding \$2,500 will be copied and included in the monthly financials.

### **Budgeting**

Councilors shall approve an annual budget each fiscal year.

The budget shall include sufficient administrative staff and financial resources to implement and maintain effective accrediting procedures, and shall be based on the experience of previous expenditures as well as anticipated needs. The total financial reserves shall be maintained at approximately 150% of the operating expenses of the previous year.

Amounts exceeding 150% of the operating expenses shall be earmarked for unanticipated legal expenses. The portion of reserve funds earmarked for unanticipated legal expenses shall not exceed 150% of the operating expenses of the previous year.

Financial reserves in excess of 150% of the operating expenses of the previous year may be utilized to fund the acquisition of capital assets. Financial reserves in excess of 300% of the previous year's operating expenses may be utilized to support current operating expenses.

For purposes of determining financial reserves, operating expenses shall not include those expenses that are reimbursed by member institutions for site visits.

Withdrawal of funds from any of these reserves shall not be made without prior approval of the Council Executive Committee (CEC) and notification to the Council.

Once a budget has been approved, the CCE President is empowered to administer the budget according to budgetary guidelines.

**CCE Policy 73                      Financial Actions (cont.)**

**Auditing**

At the end of each fiscal year, the financial statements of the CCE shall be audited in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) by a certified public accountant or firm. Details regarding cash and cash equivalents (as well as investment cost basis) shall be included in footnotes to the financial statements. The CCE Audit Committee shall serve as the primary oversight and liaison with the outside auditors. Final approval of the audit by the committee, permits the CCE Administrative Office Staff to process the Form 990 accordingly. Copies of the audit and Form 990 will be provided to the Council at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. The Audit Committee shall periodically review whether to re-bid the audit engagement and the lead auditors shall be rotated in accordance with Best Practices. Such auditor or firm shall submit the audit following the end of each fiscal year.

**Borrowing Power**

**Contracts**

The Council may authorize any officer(s) or agent(s) to enter into any contract or execute or deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the CCE, and any such authorization may be general or confined to specific instances. In the absence of other designation, all such contracts and instruments shall be executed in the name of the CCE by the Council Chair or one of the other officers, and when so executed no other party to such instrument or contract, or any third party, shall be required to make any inquiry into the authority of the signing officer or officers.

**Loans**

No indebtedness shall be contracted on behalf of the CCE and no evidences of such indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by, or under the authority of, a resolution of the CCE Council. In accordance with *CCE Bylaws*, Article IX, Section 9.03.

**Lending or Disposal of Capital Assets**

Loan or temporary assignment of capital assets to members of the CCE for work purposes is to be approved by the CCE President and reported to the CEC.

Arrangements for gift, sale or trade of capital assets shall be documented, with approval by both the CEC and the individual or organization involved, to ensure clear understanding of the terms of disposition of the asset. Arrangements of this type are to be acted upon by the CEC and documented in meeting minutes.

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                          7/15/16

## **CCE Policy 77                  Fraud**

Members of the CCE Administrative Office staff and Council must institute effective internal controls to avoid fraud. Adequate segregation of responsibilities is the most effective means of this action. The Council should assess fraud risk periodically and determine how fraud risk can be mitigated by identifying areas that could be susceptible to fraud and then establish controls to lessen the likelihood of fraud occurring in those areas. It presents a challenge to organizations and/or associations with small staffs, but the following guidelines and measures will greatly reduce the risk of fraud.

1. Requirement of two signatures on checks issued over \$2,500 (Reference: CCE Policy 73).
2. All checks must be kept under lock and key.
3. Ensure that employees are required to take vacation on a periodic basis. Most fraud is detected by accident or during interruption of work routines.
4. A high quality check stock should be used to prevent scanning capabilities.
5. Make sure the endorsement stamp includes the full legal name of the association (never just the acronym) and includes the bank name and account number.
6. Create an audit trail by maintaining a log of checks received.
7. Occasionally check the bank's records verifying authorized signers.
8. Maintain backup computer files off-site.
9. To the extent possible, cross-train employees in order for them to understand one another's responsibilities.
10. Use the services of an independent CPA. (Reference: CCE Policy 73).
11. Review bank statement transactions, verify payroll accuracy, review bank reconciliation's, test check approval procedures to ensure compliance and ensure authorized check signers sign checks. (Reference: Audit Committee).

If there is a substantiated allegation of fraud, the following steps should occur:

- The Council is immediately informed by the CCE President (or other party if the allegation is versus the President).
- Review of alleged fraudulent activity identified and assessment completed by the CCE Audit Committee.
- Actions implemented to resolve the allegation in a timely manner.
- If substantiated, take appropriate and consistent actions against violators (to include termination and/or legal prosecution if necessary).
- Assess how current procedures and controls may be improved/changed to reduce or eliminate future fraud risks or occurrences.
- Reinforce organization's values and expectations through appropriate communication.

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## **CCE Policy 88                      Investments**

The funds of The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) as a corporation shall be deposited in such depositories as may be approved by the CCE Council or the Council Executive Committee, but such depositing authority may be delegated by them to the CCE President.

### **Statement of Investment Objectives, Goals and Policy Guidelines**

#### **I. Philosophy and Objectives**

CCE Councilors, ever mindful of their stewardship, have caused this statement to be prepared as a policy framework for a disciplined process that seeks to add value and minimize risk of the resources for The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE).

Investment of the resources of the CCE is the responsibility of the Council Executive Committee. The Council Executive Committee implements investment objectives as established by the CCE Council, establishes policies, selects investment managers to implement established policies, and monitors the implementation and performance of the managers retained in support of the objectives and policies.

The resources are invested to maximize long-term investment return consistent with prudent levels of risk appropriate to management of such long-term funds. Management of the assets is designated to insure a total return (income plus capital change) necessary to preserve and enhance (in real dollar terms) the principal of the funds and at the same time, provide a dependable source of income for current operations and programs.

#### **II. Diversification of Investments**

In recognition of the prudence required of fiduciaries, reasonable diversification will be sought where possible. Experience has shown financial markets and inflation rates are cyclical and, therefore, control of volatility will be achieved through diversification of asset classes and selection of managers of diverse investment styles. Investment risks are considered within the context of the entire investment, and the need to sustain its long-term purchasing power.

#### **III. Asset Allocation**

Since the selection and weighting of asset classes is the primary determinant of investment return and volatility, asset choice will be carefully considered by the Council Executive Committee in accordance with a systematic allocation process derived from consultation with the investment advisor(s). Approved asset classes and policy target ranges are noted below:

	<b><u>Range</u></b>	<b><u>Index Benchmarks</u></b>
Equities	30-80%	S & P 500
Fixed Income	0-50%	Lehman Intermediate Government Corporate Bond Index
Cash Equivalents/Short Term	0-50%	30 Day Treasury Bill rate
Non-traditional/Alternative Mutual Funds	0-30%	Mutual Funds & ETFs

**CCE Policy 88**                      **Investments (cont.)**

The fund is to be structured for long-term growth with a broadly diversified mix of asset classes and styles. The international and global fixed income segments are intended to reduce volatility and the funds' reliance on domestic financial markets.

The target for the actual asset mix will be reviewed by the Council Executive Committee annually, or more frequently as necessary.

The Council Executive Committee will review the segment asset allocations annually, and any changes in the allocations will be made after the meeting.

**IV. Limitations and Restrictions**

Limit holdings in any one stock or commodity to 3% and to 20% in any one diversified holding (such as mutual funds or ETF's); or holdings of 25% within any one industry, with the exemption of the US Government or its agencies.

The following categories of investments are not permitted for investment without the Council Executive Committee's written approval: (i) Unregistered or restricted stocks; (ii) Commodities, including gold, precious gems or currency futures; (iii) Private placement debt, except as may be positioned in a commingled fund which does not specifically emphasize private placements; (iv) Tax exempt securities, either state or federal; (v) Conditional sales contracts; (vi) Uncovered options; (vii) Short sales or margin purchases; (viii) Transferable certificates of participation in business trusts and limited partnerships; (ix) Securities of the investment managers or their respective parents, subsidiaries or affiliates; (x) Investments in companies doing business in material conflict with the philosophy and values of the Corporation; (xi) Securities in violation of state law; and (xii) Hedge funds.

Derivative instruments may not be used to leverage the investable assets of the portfolio, nor may they be used when they may change the risk characteristics otherwise permissible securities held in the portfolio.

Pooled funds that materially comply with these restrictions may be used, as long as areas of noncompliance are identified and disclosed to the Council Executive Committee.

**V. Investment Consultant**

The CCE may retain the services of an independent investment consultant for the purpose of assisting the Council Executive Committee in developing and then attaining the objectives of the fund. The consultant will assist in establishing objectives offering alternative models of asset allocation, identifying appropriate managers or funds, producing timely quarterly reports that monitor performance of individual managers against similar managers as well as performance of the entire Fund against its objectives and against other appropriate indices. The consultant will also provide consultation on revisions and modifications as appropriate.

**CCE Policy 88**                      **Investments (cont.)**

VI. Investment Management

Investment managers will be appointed following a systematic search for those with demonstrated quality in the style desired. To optimize access to such managers, while minimizing management fees and transaction costs assessed to the fund, no-load mutual funds and pooled funds may be considered together with separate account management. Managers are given discretion to manage funds entrusted in accordance with the style for which they are employed provided they comply with the restrictions and limitations as may be determined by the Council Executive Committee from time to time {Article VIII, 8.07(a), 2&3}.

VII. Evaluation of Manager

The following criteria will be used to evaluate manager performance.

A. Performance Objectives for Active Management

Equity managers/fund(s) will be expected to achieve an annualized total rate of return over a three to five-year period which exceeds an appropriate market index rate of return by 1.0 percentage points compounded annually, net of costs and fees. Total return is defined as dividend or interest income plus realized and unrealized capital appreciation or depreciation at fair market value. Fixed income managers will be expected to exceed appropriate market indices by 0.50 percentage points, net costs and fees. Balanced managers will be expected to attain a blended objective reflective of their asset mix.

The managers/fund(s) will also be expected consistently to achieve a total rate of return, which is equal or above the meridian return in a universe of peers with comparable investment styles or portfolio objectives.

B. Investment Style

The managers/fund(s) will maintain a portfolio characterized by their respective traditional management styles and, if a change in such style is contemplated, the manager is required to make advance written notification to the Council Executive Committee.

C. Change in Objectives or Asset Allocation

A change in objectives or asset allocation strategy may require that funds be transferred between asset classes, to new asset classes, or among styles within asset classes. These changes may result in increases, decreases or elimination of funds under management by a specific manager.

VIII. Performance Measurement

Measuring manager progress against policy objectives, and for consistency in measuring performance against the total return objectives, performance will be reflected net of management



**CCE Policy 88                      Investments (cont.)**

fees and transaction costs. When calculating return for the quarterly reports utilized for management purposes, returns will be stated before fees.

**IX. Communication and Reporting**

Where the fund is separately managed, the manager is responsible for free and open communication with the Council Executive Committee through the CCE President and the investment consultant in all significant matters pertaining to investment policies and management of Fund assets, including, but not limited to: (i) Major changes in the investment manager's investment outlook, investment strategy and portfolio structure; (ii) Any significant changes in the ownership, organizational structure, financial condition or senior personnel staffing of the investment manager's organization; and (iii) Quarterly transactions, evaluation and performance reports.

Quarterly evaluations of assets under management shall be supplied by the investment managers, in the form as may be requested by the Council Executive Committee and to include market valuations, industry segmentations, transaction registers, cash settlements, and similar reports. The report of fixed income and equities shall show inventories at cost, purchase date, market value and share or unit values at cost and market values. At reasonable times and at the direction of the Council Executive Committee, meetings shall be held with the manager(s) to discuss performance results, economic outlook, organizational changes and other pertinent matters. All documents, exhibits and other written material to be used during such conferences shall be submitted by the investment manager(s) at least five days in advance of the conferences.

All materials required of the manager(s) shall also be provided to the investment consultants. In addition, the manager(s) shall provide evidence of liability and fiduciary insurance and have its employees bonded unless otherwise exempted by law or governmental regulations.

**X. Conflict of Interest**

It is the policy of the Councilors to avoid conflicts of interest in its operations and in the selection of investment managers or funds. Therefore, the CCE President, members of the Council Executive Committee, or Council shall not have an ownership relationship with any manager or fund being considered. Similarly, the investment consultant shall have no financial relationship with any manager or fund serving the CCE.

**XI. Spending Guideline/Limitations**

The Council Executive Committee will continually review the liquidity needs of the CCE and will notify the investment consultant as soon as possible of any significant changes in anticipated needs for liquidity purposes.

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## **CCE Policy 94                      Expenses, Honoraria and Stipends**

### **I. Policy Statement**

#### **A. General**

This is The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) statement of policy on reimbursement of incurred expenses, honoraria, and stipends applicable to the conduct of CCE business. This policy applies to individuals who are members of the CCE Council, committees and/or task forces, the CCE Administrative Office Staff, and Academy Site Team members; plus consultants or other individuals who provide professional services for CCE.

Individuals should be familiar with this policy prior to incurring expenses to assure that costs will be reimbursable. They should understand the CCE requirements for documentation of expenses, and realize that a lack of proper receipts may result in non-reimbursable expenses and delays in processing expense reimbursements.

Claims for expense reimbursements must be signed and submitted to the CCE Administrative Office on a current Travel Expense Report/Claim form. Receipts must be submitted for all expenses and included with the Travel Expense Report/Claim form as backup documentation. NOTE: Non-receipted claims for miscellaneous expenses may be submitted not to exceed \$25.00 per day. Electronic submission of forms and receipts is authorized providing a signature is affixed. All documentation should be received by the office within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the meeting or activity.

#### **B. Approvals**

The Administrative Office Staff will review all Expense Reports in accordance with this policy, and submit them to the CCE Vice President for Accreditation & Operations for approval. Should a dispute occur concerning allowable expenses, the Vice President will forward the appropriate documentation to the CCE President for resolution within a reasonable time period. If the CCE President is unable to achieve a resolution, an appeal may be made to the Council Executive Committee for final disposition.

### **II. Allowable Travel Expenses**

#### **Airfare:**

All individuals traveling at CCE expense should book flights at least 30 days in advance to obtain best possible rates. Only coach/economy airfare and coach/economy upgrades will be reimbursable. All other class options are not authorized for reimbursement, except in extenuating circumstances, and these situations must be pre-approved by the CCE President. If roundtrip airfares are not booked, for example if the air travel destination for a CCE activity represents one leg of a multi-leg trip involving other purposes, CCE will reimburse only the portion of the airfare that would have been equivalent to a direct round trip flight to and from the CCE activity, based on prices at least 30 days in advance of the travel date.

#### **Ground Transportation:**

Personal automobile use will be reimbursed at the current Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standard mileage rate for such use. Mileage must be annotated on the mileage log of the Travel Expense Report/Claim form or a route map showing mileage must be included. Reimbursement for personal

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vehicle mileage should not exceed the equivalent of coach/economy airfare to various destinations except when it is necessary to use a personal vehicle to transport materials or equipment for reasons of safety, security from loss, and/or expense.

Taxicab, bus, shuttle, etc. are all reimbursable expenses. Individuals are encouraged to use shuttle vehicle service, if available, between airports and hotel/meeting venues and taxicabs if more appropriate. Limousine service may be utilized, if the cost of such is comparable to taxicab fares.

Vehicle rentals should be approved in advance by the CCE President. **Accident liability, medical and collision insurance for rental vehicles is required to be purchased through the rental agency and the cost of such will be reimbursed by CCE.**

#### **Lodging:**

For many large group CCE functions, rooms at the event location are booked well in advance, lodging costs are known and the CCE directly pays for the cost of the negotiated package. Often meals are included. For other CCE related activities such as committee meetings, site visits, etc., individuals should utilize the assistance of the CCE Administrative Office in making lodging and meeting room arrangements to the extent possible, and exercise reasonable judgment in the selection of hotels. In these instances, the individual normally pays for the hotel stay, and must submit receipts for all lodging costs with the Travel Expense Report/Claim form.

#### **Meals:**

Reimbursement for meals should be limited to a \$100.00 per day per individual, and room service may be incorporated within this guideline. Meal costs, including those associated with a CCE negotiated package at a particular venue, will not be reimbursed unless special circumstances, such as an illness, prevent an individual from attending group meals. For group meals, which frequently occur during meetings at accreditation site visits, the team chair may pay team meal bills. There also may be group meals in situations, other than site visits, where it is appropriate for one individual to pay for a group meal. In such instances, the individual who pays the bill must include the names of all persons present on the receipt.

#### **Shipping of Materials:**

Using the most cost-effective carrier, individuals may send required meeting materials along with personal notes to and from a meeting site to the attention of themselves, if shipping is more convenient and/or economical than airline baggage service. Using second-day service, they must pre-pay shipping costs and submit the receipt to the CCE Administrative Office on their Travel Expense Report/Claim form for reimbursement.

#### **Tips, Telecommunications, and Miscellaneous Expenses:**

Miscellaneous expenses may be submitted as non-receipted claims, not to exceed \$25.00 per day, and may include the following: personal and business phone calls; internet connection fees; and tips/associated expenses to, taxi/shuttle drivers, and hotel staff.

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**Other:**

Travel days for all individuals involved in CCE approved activities will be reimbursed and may include the day before or after a meeting or event, if reasonable travel arrangements do not allow arrival and departure on the first day and/or last day of the activity. Any travel days beyond these should be approved in advance by the CCE President or Vice President.

**III. Honoraria**

Members of the Council, site teams, committees and task forces will receive a standard honorarium in the amount of \$200.00 per day for time spent while engaged in CCE travel and activities. Honoraria also includes pre-meeting and post-meeting travel days noted above, if circumstances justify such travel arrangements. The Council Chair or CCE President may authorize the payment of honoraria to individuals who provide consultative or other professional services to CCE at his/her discretion and this shall be reported to the Council.

**IV. Stipends**

The Council Chair receives a stipend of \$500.00 each month. The other officers of the Council Executive Committees each receive a stipend of \$100.00 per month. In addition, the Council Chair may approve stipends for individuals who provide significant and/or extended professional service on special committees or task forces and this shall be reported to the Council.

**V. CCE Administrative Staff**

When a DCP requests consultative assistance from CCE Administrative Office Staff, the DCP must reimburse the CCE for all expenses incurred, and must also pay an additional \$200.00 per diem charge if the services extend beyond two working days. All requests in this instance must be approved in advance by the CCE President and/or Council Chair.

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3/8/09, 1/17/10, 1/11/13, 7/15/16

**CCE Policy 100**                      **Publication Rights and Patents**

1. To insure that The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) will be free to dispose of data in a manner consistent with its obligations to the sponsor and to the public, ownership of all copyrightable and patented material developed in the course of, or pursuant to, a sponsored research or other agreement entered into by CCE shall be determined in accordance with the terms of the sponsored research or other agreement, or, in the absence of such terms, the material shall be the property of CCE.
2. All copyrightable, non-copyrightable and patented material developed by the CCE Administrative Staff with the significant use of funds, space, equipment and materials administered by the CCE shall be the property of CCE.

The CCE shall exercise its rights over such material in a manner that will most effectively further the goals of CCE as an educational accrediting agency. Full consideration will be given to making the material available to the public on a reasonable and effective basis, avoiding unnecessary exclusions and restrictions, and providing adequate recognition of the authors, where and when appropriate.

3. Copyrightable, non-copyrightable and patented material(s) not falling within the provisions of the above categories is wholly the property of CCE.

Royalty income and other income received by CCE through the sale, licensing, leasing or use of copyrightable and patented material in which the CCE holds a property interest, as described above, may/or may not be determined by the Council Executive Committee (CEC). The gross royalties received by CCE will be distributed as determined by the CEC according to the following guidelines:

- a) Copyrights and patents shall be assigned to CCE.
- b) A flat rate manuscript fee, as determined by the CEC, shall be offered to the author.
- c) Since copyrights and patents will be in the name of CCE, royalties to authors shall commence following the total write-off of the printed publication, the cost of which shall be borne by the CCE. A per unit royalty fee, ranging from 2% to 10% of the selling price shall be negotiated between the author and the CEC.
- d) At its discretion, CCE shall deduct from gross royalty income, prior to distribution, expenses, such as litigation, which may be incurred enforcing or defending the copyright or patent or licensing the copyrightable or patented material.
- e) If authorship cannot be determined, the percent share of royalties intended for the author shall be distributed to CCE.
- f) Whether a manuscript is purchased outright or under the terms of a royalty agreement, the author shall not produce a similar publication or supplement for sale through sources other than the CCE without prior authorization.
- g) The CCE shall have the right to determine the extent of distribution and sale of the title.
- h) Any supplements to the initial publication shall become part of the written agreement. The author shall be reimbursed in accordance with the terms prescribed in the original contract or agreement between the author and the CCE. Supplements to the original title shall not be made available for sale or distribution by the author or any other agency other than CCE.

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**CCE Policy 109                      USDE and CHEA Recognition**

The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) shall take all necessary steps to maintain recognition as an accrediting agency by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) and by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

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**CCE Policy 111                      Notification of CCE Accrediting Decisions**

1. No later than thirty (30) days after a decision is made, the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) will provide written notice to the U.S. Department of Education, all state licensing boards, appropriate accrediting agencies and the public regarding the following accreditation decisions:

Award of initial accreditation or reaffirmation of accreditation of an institution or program.

2. No later than thirty (30) days after a decision is made, the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) will provide written notice to the U.S. Department of Education, all state licensing boards and the appropriate accrediting agencies at the same time it notifies the institution or program regarding the following accreditation decisions:

Final denial, withdrawal, suspension, revocation or termination of accreditation or reaffirmation of accreditation.

Final decision to place an institution or program on probation (or an equivalent status).

3. The Council/CCE will provide written notice to the public of the decisions listed in paragraph 2 of this policy within 24 hours of its notice to the institution or program.
4. No later than sixty (60) days after a final decision, the Council/CCE will make available to the U.S. Department of Education, all state licensing boards, and the public upon request, a brief summary of the reasons for the Council/CCE decisions listed in paragraph 2 of this policy, and the comments, if any, that the affected DCP may wish to make with regard to that decision or evidence that the affected institution has been offered the opportunity to provide official comment.
5. The Council/CCE will also provide written notice to the U.S. Department of Education, all state licensing boards, the appropriate accrediting agencies and the public, upon request, when an institution or program decide to voluntarily withdrawal its accreditation status (within 30 day of receiving notification from the institution/program) or voluntarily let's its accreditation lapse (within 30 days of the date of which accreditation lapses).
6. If at a later date a state agency or another recognized accrediting agency requests information about the action taken against a program/institution, the Council will provide the information to the agency.

**CCE Policy 111                      Notification of CCE Accrediting Decisions (cont.)**

7. If the Council finds systemic noncompliance with the CCE Standards regarding credit hour assignments or significant noncompliance regarding one or more programs at an institution the Council/CCE will provide written notice to the U.S. Department of Education within 24 hours of its final decision to the institution.

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**CCE Policy 142                      Council Meeting Seating**

Only The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) Councilors, legal counsel, Ex-Officio members and CCE Administrative Office staff shall be seated at the meeting table.

Temporary seat(s) shall be made available for invited guest speakers to make presentations as needed.

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**CCE Policy 145                      Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity**

The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) and its Council shall conduct all relevant affairs regarding membership, service, hiring, appointment, promotion, assignment or other conditions in accordance with nondiscriminatory and equal opportunity practices.

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**CCE Policy 151                      Service to the Public and Public Disclosure**

To provide service to the public and adhere to public disclosure requirements from CCE's recognition agencies, The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) shall maintain the following information on its official website ([www.cce-usa.org](http://www.cce-usa.org)):

1. List of current CCE Councilors, Administrative Office Staff, Member Representatives, Committees and Academy of Site Team Visitors.
2. Final Council accrediting actions (in accordance with CCE Policy 111).
3. A current list that identifies all programs having accredited status, and noting any solitary purpose chiropractic institutions also accredited. This list shall also identify the anticipated dates for the next regularly scheduled accreditation review, which includes, the program's next comprehensive evaluation site visit and status review meeting with the Council.
4. The academic and professional qualifications and relevant employment and organizational affiliations of the members of the CCE Council and Administrative Office Staff.
5. Current CCE Publications, to include, the *Standards, Bylaws, Manual of Policies, Accreditation Manual*, and *Academy of Site Team Visitors Manual*.

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**CCE Policy 157                      Use of Consultants**

1. The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) Council or its Executive Committee and the CCE President may engage the services of consultants from time to time to facilitate CCE activities, functions and processes, and to make such studies as deemed necessary.
2. The Council shall, when requested by DCPs, suggest possible consultants. Such suggestions may include past members of the Council, institutional staff familiar with the Standards or site visit team members experienced in particular areas. Conflicts of interest are to be avoided. (Reference: CCE Policy 18, Conflict of Interest).

The DCP shall contract with the consultant on a private and exclusive basis with the clear understanding that no advice offered by the consultant implies a commitment by the Council or the CCE. Any report generated is rendered to the DCP only. The report shall not be submitted to any CCE or Council representative either at the time of the consultation or at the time of evaluation unless released by the DCP Chief Administrative Officer or Governing Board Chair.

However, if the Council requires the use of a consultant in its evaluation of a DCP, a copy of any consultant report generated will be provided to the Council.

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