

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE
LIFE UNIVERSITY – COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC (LUCC)
Marietta, Georgia
Effective: May 20, 2019

The doctor of chiropractic degree program (“the Program”) at Life University in Marietta, Georgia is accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE). As of the above date, the Program has been placed on Probation. The Council took this action due to noncompliance concerns related to program completion rates.

Recent Council Action

On February 5, 2019, the Council placed the Program on Probation. At the same time, the Council notified the Program that the decision would not become final until after 20 days following receipt of a notification letter, during which time the Program could exercise its right to appeal, since the Council’s procedures define probation as an appealable decision. In accordance with CCE Policy 8, on February 24, 2019 LUCC provided a notice of intent to appeal letter to the Council and subsequently an appeal hearing was scheduled on May 14, 2019. The appeals panel issued a report to the program and the Council Chair on May 20, 2019 affirming the action of the Council.

In accordance with CCE Accreditation Standards, Section 1.V.B, the Council concluded that the Program is in significant noncompliance with accreditation standards or policy requirements. The Council also determined the noncompliance reflects recurrent noncompliance with one or more particular standard(s) and/or policy(ies) and reflects an area for which notice to the public is required in order to serve the best interests of students and prospective students; regarding the following *Policy* requirements:

- CCE Policy 56, “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%.”

The program reported DC degree completion rates of 68.6% in 2016, 67.8% in 2017 and 64.9% in 2018 during the accreditation review process by the Council.

Probation

Probation is an action reflecting the conclusion of the Council that a program is in significant noncompliance with accreditation standards or policy requirements. The Council may require the Program to submit a report, host a site visit and/or make an appearance before the Council to provide evidence of compliance. Probation is a sanction, subject to appeal, and shall not exceed twenty-four (24) months. The Council will make public notice of a final decision to impose Probation by notifying the U.S. Department of Education, regional (institutional) accrediting agency, jurisdictional licensing boards, and the public that a program has been placed on Probation in accordance with CCE policy and procedures.

During the Probation period, the Program remains accredited and has the opportunity to remedy the noncompliance concerns that led to the sanction.

Next Steps

The Program is required to submit a Progress Report no later than August 1, 2019, specifically addressing the noncompliance concern listed above and providing evidence that the Program is in compliance with the respective policy.

The Program is also required to host a Focused Site Visit in the Fall of 2019 for verification/validation of the August 2019 Progress Report.

At its meeting in January 2020, the Council will review the August 2019 Progress Report, Fall 2019 Final Site Team Report and the Program response to the Final Site Team Report. The Council will then determine whether the Program has demonstrated compliance with the policies identified in the action and whether Probation can be removed, or the Program has not demonstrated compliance and other action may be appropriate.

Comment from the Program

Life University's Doctor of Chiropractic program (DCP) acknowledges the Council on Chiropractic Education's (CCE) sanction of public probation for non-compliance with Policy 56's program completion rate requirement. Life University has been working with the CCE since 2017 to revise its policies and implement additional student support services to become compliant with this policy.

Life University is proud to be the most diverse Doctor of Chiropractic Program in the world, currently educating 42% and 31% of the African American and Hispanic students enrolled in US chiropractic colleges. Life University is proud to be recognized as a top 40 institution awarding degrees to students of diversity and remains committed to ensuring that all students are afforded equal opportunity to pursue and succeed in achieving their goals of obtaining a Doctor of Chiropractic Degree.

Contact Information

You may contact the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) by email at cce@cce-usa.org or by phone at 480-443-8877, if you have any questions regarding this notice.

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