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ACCREDITATION ACTIONS  
- ANNOUNCEMENT -

July 20, 2020

Semi-Annual Council Meeting  
July 9, 2020

The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) is the agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) for the accreditation of Doctor of Chiropractic degree programs. CCE is also a member of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA) and the CHEA International Quality Group (CIQG). CCE seeks to ensure the quality of chiropractic education in the United States by means of accreditation, educational improvement and public information. CCE develops accreditation criteria to assess how effectively programs or institutions plan, implement and evaluate their mission and goals, program objectives, inputs, resources and outcomes of their chiropractic programs.

The following are final accreditation actions taken by the Council at its Semi-Annual Meeting:

Doctor of Chiropractic Degree Programs

**Reaffirmation of Accreditation (8-Year Cycle)** – *The process for reaffirmation of accreditation begins with the program providing a letter of intent to seek continued accreditation with CCE. Approximately 12 months later, the program provides the Council with their Self-Study Report (self-assessment of their program based on the current CCE Accreditation Standards). A peer review site visit is conducted at the program to verify and validate the information presented in the self-study report. Lastly, the Council reviews the self-study report, the program response to the site visit report and meets with program representatives in a status review meeting where the Council determines if the program meets the Standards and subsequently makes a decision to reaffirm, defer or revoke accreditation of the program and/or impose sanctions, if applicable.*

NONE

**Award Initial Accreditation (4-Year Cycle)** - *The process for initial accreditation begins with the program submitting an application, which includes; a letter of intent to seek accreditation with CCE and evidence of the requirements of eligibility (based on the respective CCE Standards). Following approval, the Council establishes timelines for the program regarding the self-study report, peer review site visit and status review meeting where the Council determines if the program meets the Standards and subsequently makes a decision to award, defer or deny accreditation of the program.*

NONE

**Initial Accreditation Application** - *The process for initial accreditation begins with the program submitting an application, which includes; a letter of intent to seek accreditation with CCE and evidence of the requirements of eligibility (based on the respective CCE Standards). Following review, the Council determines if further documentation is required or establishes timelines for the program regarding the self-study report, peer review site visit and status review meeting.*

NONE

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**Interim Site Visits** - *Interim Site Visits are conducted midway through the accreditation cycle of a program and focus on specific elements of the CCE Accreditation Standards, to include; program effectiveness, student learning outcomes and meta-competencies. This visit also provides an opportunity for dialogue and collegiality between the program and the Council. The Council reviews the program interim report, the response to the site visit report and meets with program representatives (optional) in a progress review meeting where the Council determines if the program meets the Standards and subsequently makes a decision to continue, defer or revoke accreditation of the program and/or impose sanctions, if applicable.*

New York Chiropractic College  
2360 State Route 89, Seneca Falls, NY 13148  
Michael A. Mestan, D.C., Ed.D., President  
Accreditation Action: Continued

Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials related to the Interim Site Visit review regarding the CCE Accreditation Standards (and applicable policies) and determined that the program meets the standards for accreditation in program effectiveness (Standard 2.A.3), student achievement (Standard 2.A.4), assessment of learning outcomes and curricular effectiveness (Standard 2.H.2), and distance/correspondence education (Standard 2.K.1), with no further reporting required.

Next Accreditation Activity: Program Characteristics Report, Fall 2022  
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2024

**Program Characteristics Reports (PCRs)** - *PCRs are submitted by programs every 4 years and in-between their reaffirmation and interim site visit schedule. These reports are required as one of the reporting requirements the Council utilizes to continue its monitoring and reevaluation of its accredited programs, at regularly established intervals, to ensure the programs remain in compliance with the CCE Accreditation Standards in accordance with US Department of Education (USDOE) and Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) criteria. The Council reviews the report in a progress review meeting where the Council determines if the program meets the Standards and subsequently makes a decision to continue, defer or revoke accreditation of the program and/or impose sanctions, if applicable.*

Northwestern Health Sciences University - Chiropractic School  
2501 West 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, MN 55431  
Deborah J. Bushway, Ph.D., President  
Accreditation Action: Continued

Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials related to the Program Characteristics Report regarding the CCE Accreditation Standards (and applicable policies) and determined that the program meets the standards for accreditation in licensing exam success rate and program completion rate thresholds and publication (Standards, Section 2.A.4 & CCE Policy 56), and finances (Section 2.D.1), with no further reporting required.

Next Accreditation Activity: Self-Study, Fall 2021  
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2022

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University of Bridgeport – School of Chiropractic  
30 Hazel Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06601  
Michael Ciolfi, D.C., Director, School of Chiropractic  
Accreditation Action: Continued

Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials related to the Program Characteristics Report regarding the CCE Accreditation Standards (and applicable policies) and determined that the program meets the

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standards for accreditation in licensing exam success rate and program completion rate thresholds and publication (Standards, Section 2.A.4 & CCE Policy 56), and finances (Section 2.D.1), with no further reporting required.

Next Accreditation Activity: Interim Site Visit, Fall 2022  
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2026

**Progress Reports** - *Progress reports are submitted as requested by the Council and may address; 1) previously identified areas of noncompliance with accreditation requirements, or, 2) areas that require monitoring. The Council reviews the report in a progress review meeting and meets with program representatives (if necessary) where the Council determines if the program meets the Standards and subsequently makes a decision to continue, defer or revoke accreditation of the program and/or impose sanctions, if applicable.*

University of Bridgeport – School of Chiropractic  
30 Hazel Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06601  
Michael Ciolfi, D.C., Director, School of Chiropractic  
Accreditation Action: Continued

Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials provided in the Progress Report regarding the CCE Accreditation Standards (and applicable policies). The Council appreciates the information provided by UBSC, which demonstrated individual student achievement of the meta-competency outcomes, and analysis of the aggregate meta-competency outcomes to inform program improvements. The Council determined that the program meets the standards for accreditation in student achievement and meta-competency outcomes (Section 2.H.2), with no further reporting required.

Next Accreditation Activity: Interim Site Visit, Fall 2022  
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2026

**Substantive Change Reports** – *Substantive Change applications are submitted at the discretion of programs as defined within CCE Policy 1, Section A. Programs are required to describe how the program plans to continue to meet the requirements of the applicable CCE Standards while implementing the change in the areas identified within CCE Policy 1, Section B. The Council reviews the application and meets with program representatives (if necessary) where the Council determines if the program meets the Standards and subsequently makes a decision to accept the application and approve the substantive change, defer action and request additional information or deny approval of the substantive change (with no effect on the program's current accreditation).*

University of Western States – College of Chiropractic  
8000 NE Tillamook Street, Portland, OR 97213  
Joseph E. Brimhall, D.C., President  
Accreditation Action: Approved

Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials provided in the substantive change application regarding the CCE Accreditation Standards and CCE Policy 1, *Substantive Change*, Section B, and determined the program met the requirements for accreditation regarding the contract/agreements of the current and new location (Section B.1), formal action by the board (Section B.3), timetable for the implementation (Section B.4), identification of resources (Section B.6) and the overview of student enrollment (Section B.9), with no further reporting required.

Next Accreditation Activity: Comprehensive Site Visit, Fall 2020

### Chiropractic Residency Programs

**Reaffirmation of Accreditation (6-Year Cycle)** – *The process for reaffirmation of accreditation begins with the program providing a letter of intent to seek continued accreditation with CCE. Approximately 12 months later, the program provides the Council with their Self-Study Report (self-assessment of their program based on the current CCE Residency Accreditation Standards). A peer review site visit is conducted at the program to verify and validate*

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*the information presented in the self-study report. Lastly, the Council reviews the self-study report, the program response to the site visit report and conducts a status review meeting where the Council determines if the program meets the Standards and subsequently makes a decision to reaffirm, defer or revoke accreditation of the program and/or impose sanctions, if applicable.*

VA Finger Lakes Healthcare System  
400 Fort Hill Avenue, Canandaigua, NY 14424  
Paul Dougherty, D.C., Chiropractic Residency Program Director  
Accreditation Action: Reaffirmation

Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials related to the accreditation process, to include the self-study, site team report and the program's response regarding the CCE Residency Accreditation Standards (and applicable CCE policies), and determined that the program meets all the standards for accreditation (Sections 2.A-J), to include, mission/purpose, program effectiveness, ethics/integrity, governance/administration, facilities/resources, faculty, resident support services, resident selection, curriculum, clinical training and competencies, duty hours and completion designation, with no further reporting required.

Next Accreditation Activity: Interim Report, Fall 2022  
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2025

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