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ACCREDITATION ACTIONS
- ANNOUNCEMENT -

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Annual Council Meeting
January 7-8, 2021

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 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.*

Sherman College of Chiropractic
2020 Springfield Road, Spartanburg, SC 29316
Edwin Cordero, D.C., President
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 Accreditation Standards (and applicable policies), and determined the program meets all the standards for accreditation (Sections 2.A-K.), to include, mission, planning and program effectiveness; ethics/integrity; governance/administration; resources; faculty; student support services; student admissions; curriculum, competencies and outcomes assessment; research and scholarship; service and distance/correspondence education. This indicates that the program has no deficiencies that compromise the overall program integrity. However, an identified weakness that would benefit from improvement in Assessment of Learning Outcomes and Curricular Effectiveness (Standards, Section 2.H.2) will be monitored through further reporting as indicated below.

Next Accreditation Activity: Program Characteristics Report, Spring 2022
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2028

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University of Western States – College of Chiropractic
8000 NE Tillamook Street, Portland, OR 97213
Joseph E. Brimhall, D.C., President
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 Accreditation Standards (and applicable policies), and determined the program meets all the standards for accreditation (Sections 2.A-K.), to include, mission, planning and program effectiveness; ethics/integrity; governance/administration; resources; faculty; student support services; student admissions; curriculum, competencies and outcomes assessment; research and scholarship; service and distance/correspondence education.

Next Accreditation Activity: Program Characteristics Report, Fall 2022
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2028

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

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.*

So. Calif. Univ. of Health Sciences - Los Angeles College of Chiropractic
16200 E. Amber Valley Drive, Whittier, CA 90609
John G. Scaringe, D.C., Ed.D., CEO/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, Spring 2022
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2024

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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.*

Keiser University – College of Chiropractic Medicine
2085 Vista Parkway, West Palm Beach, FL 33411
Michael Wiles, D.C., M.Ed., Dean
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 regarding planning (Section 2.A.2), finances (Section 2.D.1), and research and scholarship (Section 2.I.1), with no further reporting required. The Council appreciates the information provided for CCE Policy 56, *Student Performance Disclosure, Thresholds and Outcomes*, and recognizes that as additional cohorts graduate from the program, KUCCM will have the necessary data to publish the NBCE licensing success rate and DCP completion rate, in accordance with CCE Policy 56.

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

Life Chiropractic College West
25001 Industrial Boulevard, Hayward, A 94545
Ronald Oberstein, D.C., President
Accreditation Action: Continued

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

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

Parker University – College of Chiropractic
2540 Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas, TX 75229
William Morgan, D.C., President
Accreditation Action: Continued

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

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

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.*

NONE

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

Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials provided in the substantive change application in accordance with the CCE Accreditation Standards and CCE Policy 1, *Substantive Change*, Section B, and determined the program met the requirements for accreditation regarding the planned sale of the University of Bridgeport to Goodwin University and the creation of UB New Co. (Section B.1), rationale for this change (Section B.2), formal action by the board (Section B.3), timetable for the implementation (Section B.4), description of the administrative organization following the change of ownership (Section B.5), identification of resources (Section B.6), processes to monitor and evaluate any impact on the DCP (Section B.7), description of changes in governance or the educational program (Section B.8), overview of student enrollment (Section B.9), and information regarding external consultants (Section B.10), with no further reporting required.

Next Accreditation Activity: Interim Site Visit, Fall 2022
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2024

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 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.*

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.*

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Cincinnati VA Medical Center
3200 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45220
Michael Clay, D.C., Chiropractic Residency Director
Accreditation Action: Approved

Bases and reasons for decision: Following the review and in accordance with Section 1.II.A.2, Requirements for Eligibility of the CCE Residency Accreditation Standards, the Council has determined that the initial application for the residency program has met the required eligibility requirements. The CVAMC chiropractic residency program is required to submit a self-study report, *by May 3, 2021*.

Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2021

Miami VA Healthcare System
1201 NW 16th Street, Miami, FL 33125
Charles Penza, D.C., Ph.D., Chiropractic Residency Director
Accreditation Action: Approved

Bases and reasons for decision: Following the review and in accordance with Section 1.II.A.2, Requirements for Eligibility of the CCE Residency Accreditation Standards, the Council has determined that the initial application for the residency program has met the required eligibility requirements. The MVAHS chiropractic residency program is required to submit a self-study report, *by October 1, 2021*.

Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2022

VA Central Iowa Health Care System
3600 30th Street, Des Moines, IA 50310
Nathan Hinkeldey, D.C., Chiropractic Residency Director
Accreditation Action: Approved

Bases and reasons for decision: Following the review and in accordance with Section 1.II.A.2, Requirements for Eligibility of the CCE Residency Accreditation Standards, the Council has determined that the initial application for the residency program has met the required eligibility requirements. The VACIHCS chiropractic residency program is required to submit a self-study report, *by May 3, 2021*.

Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2021

VA Puget Sound Health Care System
9600 Veterans Drive, Tacoma, WA 98943
Clint Daniels, D.C., Chiropractic Residency Director
Accreditation Action: Approved

Bases and reasons for decision: Following the review and in accordance with Section 1.II.A.2, Requirements for Eligibility of the CCE Residency Accreditation Standards, the Council has determined that the initial application for the residency program has met the required eligibility requirements. The VAPSHCS chiropractic residency program is required to submit a self-study report, *by October 1, 2021*.

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