ACCREDITATION ACTIONS
- ANNOUNCEMENT -
August 6, 2021
Semi-Annual Council Meeting
July 9-10, 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 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.

Life University – College of Chiropractic
1269 Barclay Circle, Marietta, GA 30060
Robert M. Scott, Ph.D., D.C., President
Accreditation Action: Reaffirmation and sanction of Warning

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 the standards for accreditation within Sections 2.A-G, 2.H.1 & 2.I-K, to include, mission, planning and program effectiveness; ethics/integrity; governance/administration; resources; faculty; student support services; student admissions; curriculum content and delivery; research and scholarship; service and distance/correspondence education. However, the Council has initiated two (2) concerns in Section 2.H.2, Assessment of Learning Outcomes and Curricular Effectiveness and one (1) concern in Section 2.H.3, Quality Patient Care that require further reporting. Therefore, the Council has determined that the DCP is in noncompliance with Sections 2.H.2 & 2.H.3 but the deficiencies do not compromise the overall program integrity and can be corrected by the DCP within the permissible timeframe and hereby imposes a sanction of Warning upon LUCC. Warning is a sanction, that is not subject to appeal, and shall not exceed twelve (12) months.

Next Accreditation Activity: Progress Report, February 2022; Focused Site Visit, Spring 2022
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2029
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.

Universidad Central del Caribe – Doctor of Chiropractic Program
PO Box 60327, Bayamon PR 00960
Waleska Crespo, DrPH, MHSA, President
Accreditation Action: Award Initial Accreditation

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 found that the program meets the standards for accreditation in 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, the Council will review the meta-competency outcomes achievement data for the first cohort of students, following their graduation in July 2022. This component of Assessment of Learning Outcomes and Curricular Effectiveness (Standards, Section 2.H.2) will be monitored through further reporting.

Next Accreditation Activity: Program Characteristics Report, Spring 2023
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2025

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.

NONE

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.
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Logan University – College of Chiropractic
1851 Schoettler Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017
Clay McDonald, D.C., M.B.A., J.D., 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), and financial resources (Section 2.D.1), with no further reporting required.

Next Accreditation Activity: Self-Study, Fall 2022
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2023

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Texas Chiropractic College
5912 Spencer Highway, Pasadena, TX 77505
Stephen Foster, 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), and financial resources (Section 2.D.1), with no further reporting required.

Next Accreditation Activity: Interim Site Visit, Spring 2023
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2027

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.

Logan University – College of Chiropractic
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Clay McDonald, D.C., M.B.A., J.D., President
Accreditation Action: Continued

Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials provided in the Progress Report and determined that the program provided the information requested by the Council regarding required meta-competency curricular objectives (Section 2.H), with no further reporting required.

Next Accreditation Activity: Self-Study, Fall 2022
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2023

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Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials provided in the Progress Report and determined that the program provided the information requested by the Council regarding quality patient care (Section 2.H.3), with no further reporting required.

Next Accreditation Activity: Interim Site Visit, Spring 2023
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2027

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.

VA Palo Alto Health Care System
3801 Miranda Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94304
Robert Walsh, 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 VAPAHCS chiropractic residency program is required to submit a self-study report, by May 2, 2022.

Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2022

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