



ACCREDITATION ACTIONS
- ANNOUNCEMENT -

August 5, 2022

Semi-Annual Council Meeting
July 15-16, 2022

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

Continued Accreditation (8-Year Cycle) – The process for continued 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 continue, defer or revoke accreditation of the program and/or impose sanctions, if applicable.

Northwestern Health Sciences University – Doctor of Chiropractic Program
2501 West 84th Street, Bloomington, MN 55431
Deborah Bushway, Ph.D., President
Accreditation Action: Continued

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, Spring 2024; Interim Site Visit, Spring 2026
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2030

Parker University – Doctor of Chiropractic Program
2540 Walnut Hill Lane, Suite 200 S, Dallas, TX 75229
William Morgan, D.C., President
Accreditation Action: Continued

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

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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, Spring 2024; Interim Site Visit, Spring 2026

Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2030

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.

NONE

Program Characteristics Reports (PCRs) - PCRs are submitted by programs every 4 years and in-between their comprehensive 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.

So. California University of Health Sciences – Los Angeles College of Chiropractic
16200 E Amber Valley Drive, Whittier, CA 90609
John Scaringe, D.C., Ed.D., President/CEO
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, program completion rate thresholds and publication requirements (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.

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Next Accreditation Activity: Self-Study, Fall 2023
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2024

Sherman College of Chiropractic
2020 Springfield Road, Spartanburg, SC 29316
Edwin Cordero, D.C., 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, program completion rate thresholds and publication requirements (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 2024; Program Characteristics Report, Spring 2026
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2028

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 with program representatives (if necessary). 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.

Life University – College of Chiropractic
1269 Barclay Circle, Marietta, GA 30060
Robert Scott, Ph.D., D.C., President
Accreditation Action: Continued

Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials related to the progress review process, to include the progress report, site team report, and the program’s response regarding the CCE Accreditation Standards (and applicable policies). LUCC demonstrated it employs best practices in the assessment of student achievement of the MCOs, verifies each student-intern’s achievement of the MCOs prior to graduation, and employs a multi-level quality assurance system that monitors the delivery of patient care consistent with applicable and accepted industry standards. The Council determined the program provided the evidence requested by the Council in its July 30, 2021 letter and meets the standards for accreditation regarding assessment of learning outcomes and curricular effectiveness (Standards, Section 2.H.2) and quality patient care (Standards, Section 2.H.3). The Council has **removed** the sanction of warning relating to the accreditation status of LUCC, with no further reporting required at this time.

Next Accreditation Activity: Program Characteristics Report, Spring 2023; Interim Site Visit, Spring 2025
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2029

Sherman College of Chiropractic
2020 Springfield Road, Spartanburg, SC 29316
Edwin Cordero, D.C., President
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 SCC, which demonstrated the DCP is verifying each student-intern’s achievement of the MCOs, prior to graduation

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through processes involving the program's learning management system, case doctors, and coordinator of clinic operations, during multiple check-points throughout the clinic practicum courses. The Council determined that the program provided the information requested by the Council in its January 21, 2021 letter and meets the standards for accreditation regarding assessment of learning outcomes (Standards, Section 2.H.2), with no further reporting required.

Next Accreditation Activity: Interim Site Visit, Spring 2024; Program Characteristics Report, Spring 2026
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2028

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).

NONE

Chiropractic Residency Programs

Continued Accreditation (6-Year Cycle) – The process for continued 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 continue, defer or revoke accreditation of the program and/or impose sanctions, if applicable.

NONE

Award Initial Accreditation (3-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 current CCE Residency Accreditation 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.

Miami VA Healthcare System
1201 North West 16th Street, Miami, FL 33125
Gina Bonavito-Larragoite, D.C., Chiropractic Residency Director
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 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: Self-Study Report, Spring 2025
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VA Puget Sound Health Care System
9600 Veterans Drive, Tacoma, WA 98943
Clint Daniels, D.C., Chiropractic Residency Director
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 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: Self-Study Report, Fall 2024
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 current CCE Residency Accreditation 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

Program Interim Reports (PIRs) - PIRs are submitted by programs midway through the program’s accreditation cycle. The interim report focuses on specific elements of the CCE Residency Accreditation Standards, to include; mission/purpose, program effectiveness, and program outcomes. 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.

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
11301 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90073
Valeria Johnson, D.C., Chiropractic Residency Director
Accreditation Action: Continued

Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials related to the residency program interim report regarding the CCE residency accreditation standards (and applicable policies) and determined that the program meets the standards for accreditation in mission/purpose and program effectiveness (Standards, Section 2.A), with no further reporting required.

Next Accreditation Activity: Self-Study Report, Fall 2025
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2026

VA St. Louis Health Care System
#1 Jefferson Barracks Drive, St. Louis, MO 63125
Jason Napuli, D.C., Chiropractic Residency Director
Accreditation Action: Continued

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Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials related to the residency program interim report regarding the CCE residency accreditation standards (and applicable policies) and determined that the program meets the standards for accreditation in mission/purpose and program effectiveness (Standards, Section 2.A), with no further reporting required.

Next Accreditation Activity: Self-Study Report, Fall 2026
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2027

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