

ACCREDITATION ACTIONS  
- ANNOUNCEMENT -

February 5, 2025

Annual Council Meeting  
January 10-11, 2025

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

**Continued Accreditation** – 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.

Northeast College of Health Sciences – Doctor of Chiropractic Program  
2360 State Route 89, Seneca Falls, NY 13148  
Michael Mestan, D.C., Ed.D., President  
Accreditation Action: Continued

Following the status review meeting, the Council conducted deliberations and reached a consensus decision to **continue the accreditation** of the NCDPCP doctor of chiropractic degree program.

Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials related to the accreditation process, including the self-study, update report, 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 2026; Interim Site Visit, Fall 2028  
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2026 (Additional Educational Site); Fall 2032 (Main Campus)

**Award Initial Accreditation** - 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

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determines if the program meets the Standards and subsequently makes a decision to award, defer or deny accreditation of the program.

Campbellsville University – School of Chiropractic  
1 University Drive UPO-781, Campbellsville, KY 42718  
Joseph H. Hopkins, Ph.D., President  
Accreditation Action: Award Initial Accreditation

Following the status review meeting, the Council conducted deliberations and reached a consensus decision to **award initial accreditation** to the CAMP doctor of chiropractic degree program.

Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials provided in the progress report and related materials regarding the CCE Accreditation Standards (and applicable policies). The Council determined the program met the standards for accreditation in Sections 2.A and 2.C-K, to include, mission, planning and program effectiveness; governance/administration; resources; faculty; student support services; student admissions; curriculum, competencies and outcomes assessment; research and scholarship; service and distance/correspondence education following its review at the July 2024 meeting. The Council also determined the program provided the evidence requested by the Council in its July 23, 2024, letter and meets the standards for accreditation in Section 2.B.2, *Integrity*, with no further reporting required at this time.

Next Accreditation Activity: Program Characteristics Report, Spring 2026; Self-Study Report, Fall 2027  
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2028

**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.

University of Western States – College of Chiropractic  
8000 NE Tillamook Street, Portland, OR 97213  
Nathan Long, Ed.D., President  
Accreditation Action: Continued Accreditation

The Council conducted deliberations and reached a consensus decision to **continue accreditation** for the UWS doctor of chiropractic degree program.

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.1-2), with no further reporting required at this time.

Next Accreditation Activity: Program Characteristics Report, Fall 2026; Self-Study Report, Spring 2028

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Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2028

**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.

University of Bridgeport – School of Chiropractic  
75 Linden Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604  
Danielle Wilken, Ed.D., President  
Accreditation Action: Continued

Following the progress review meeting, the Council conducted deliberations and reached a consensus decision to **continue accreditation.**

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 at this time.

Next Accreditation Activity: Self-Study Report, Spring 2026  
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 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.

Keiser University College of Chiropractic Medicine  
2085 Vista Parkway, West Palm Beach, FL 33411  
Jennifer Illes, D.C., Campus President  
Accreditation Action: Continued

Following the progress review meeting, the Council conducted deliberations and reached a consensus decision to **continue accreditation and probation for one (1) area of noncompliance identified by the Council** for the KUCCM doctor of chiropractic degree program.

Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all the materials related to the PCR and Progress Report regarding the CCE Accreditation Standards (and applicable policies) and determined that the program meets the standards for accreditation for its program completion rate (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). However, KUCCM's four-year weighted average licensing exam success rate of 66.4 percent (Section 2.A.4 & CCE Policy 56) remains below the threshold of 80 percent, as required by CCE Policy 56. The DCP must demonstrate that its four-year weighted average licensing exam success rate is at or above the established threshold required by CCE Policy 56. Therefore, the Council requires further reporting in a progress report, due December 1, 2025, for review by the Council at its January 2026 meeting.

Next Accreditation Activity: Progress Report, December 2025; Interim Site Visit, Fall 2026

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Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2030

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

Following deliberation, the Council reached a consensus decision to **continue accreditation** for the LCCW doctor of chiropractic degree program.

Bases and reasons for decision: Although LCCW's current four-year weighted average licensing exam success rate (80 percent) meets the Policy 56 threshold, existing trends indicate a reasonable risk the success rate may fall below the threshold. Therefore, the Council requires LCCW to provide an updated, detailed analysis of its licensing exam success rate, as well as an update on any additional action plans to address the performance trend. This information should be submitted as part of the 2025 self-study report, for review by the Council at its July 2026 meeting.

Next Accreditation Activity: Self-Study Report, Fall 2025 (Additional Educational Site & Main Campus)  
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2026 (Additional Educational Site & Main Campus)

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Sherman College of Chiropractic  
2020 Springfield Road, Spartanburg, SC 29316  
Jack Bourla, D.C., President  
Accreditation Action: Continued

Following the progress review meeting, the Council conducted deliberations and reached a consensus decision to **continue accreditation and remove the sanction of warning** for the one (1) area of noncompliance identified by the Council in its July 25, 2024 letter.

Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials provided in the progress report regarding the CCE Accreditation Standards (and applicable policies), which demonstrated student achievement of the MCOs prior to graduation. The Council determined that the program provided the information requested by the Council in its July 25, 2024, letter and meets the standards for accreditation regarding the assessment of learning outcomes (Standards, Section 2.H.2), with no further reporting required at this time.

Next Accreditation Activity: Program Characteristics Report, Spring 2026; Self-Study Report, Fall 2027  
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2028

**Program Change Reports** – Program 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 program change, defer action and request additional information or deny approval of the program change (with no effect on the program's current accreditation).

NONE

### Chiropractic Residency Programs

**Continued Accreditation** – 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.

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

Following the status review meeting, the Council conducted deliberations and reached a consensus decision to **continue the accreditation** of the chiropractic residency program at VACIHCS.

Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials related to the accreditation process, including 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: Program Interim Report, Fall 2027; Self-Study Report, Spring 2030  
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2030

**Award Initial Accreditation** - 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.

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.

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