

Accreditation Actions Announcement -
February 13, 2026

Council Meeting
January 16-17, 2026

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 January 2026 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 then subsequently makes a decision to continue, defer, or revoke accreditation of the program and/or impose sanctions, if applicable.

Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC)
6100 Leslie Street, Toronto, ON M2H 3J1
Christine Bradaric-Baus, Ph.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 CMCC doctor of chiropractic degree program.

Bases and reasons for the 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-J), to include, mission, planning, and program effectiveness; ethics/integrity; administration; resources; faculty; student support services; student admissions; curriculum, competencies, and outcomes assessment; research and scholarship; service; and distance education.

Next Accreditation Activity: Program Characteristics Report, Fall 2027; Interim Site Visit, Fall 2029
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2033

National University of Health Sciences (NUHS) - Doctor of Chiropractic Program
200 East Roosevelt Road, Lombard, IL 60148
7200 66th Street North, Pinellas Park, FL 33781
Joseph Stiefel, Ed.D., D.C., President
Accreditation Action: Continued

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

Bases and reasons for the 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-J), to include, mission, planning, and program effectiveness; ethics/integrity; administration; resources; faculty; student support services; student admissions; curriculum, competencies, and outcomes assessment; research and scholarship; service; and distance education.

Next Accreditation Activity: Program Characteristics Report, Fall 2027; Interim Site Visit, Fall 2029
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2033

Award, Defer or Deny 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 determines if the program meets the Standards then 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 then subsequently makes a decision to continue, defer or revoke accreditation of the program and/or impose sanctions, if applicable.

Cleveland University – Kansas City (CU-KC) - College of Chiropractic
10850 Lowell Ave., Overland Park, KS 66210
Carl S. Cleveland, D.C., President
Accreditation Action: Continued

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

Bases and reasons for the 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 quality patient care (Standard 2.H.3), with no further reporting required at this time.

Next Accreditation Activity: Program Characteristics Report, Fall 2027
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2029

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 then subsequently makes a decision to continue, defer, or revoke accreditation of the program and/or impose sanctions, if applicable.

D'Youville University (DYU) – Doctor of Chiropractic Program
320 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14201
Rachel Ersing, D.C., Executive Director
Accreditation Action: Continued

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

Bases and reasons for the 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 for program effectiveness (Standards, Section 2.A.3), licensing exam success and program completion rates and publication (Section 2.A.4 & CCE Policy 56), 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 2027
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2027

Palmer College of Chiropractic (PCC)
1000 Brady Street, Davenport, IA 52803
4777 City Center Parkway, Port Orange, FL 32129
Dennis Marchiori, D.C., Ph.D., Chancellor
Accreditation Action: Continued

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

Bases and reasons for the 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 for program effectiveness (Standards, Section 2.A.3), licensing exam success and program completion rates and publication (Section 2.A.4 & CCE Policy 56), finances (Section 2.D.1), and research and scholarship (Section 2.I.1), with no further reporting required at this time.

Next Accreditation Activity: Interim Site Visit Fall 2027
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Fall 2031

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 then subsequently makes a decision to continue, defer, or revoke accreditation of the program and/or impose sanctions, if applicable.

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

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 KUCCM’s four-year weighted-average licensing exam success rate and the DCP’s ongoing action plans to address licensing exam performance, as described in the KUCCM December 2025 Progress Report. KUCCM's four-year weighted average of 73 percent remains below the 80 percent threshold required by CCE Policy 56.

Life University - College of Chiropractic (LUCC)
1269 Barclay Circle, Marietta, GA 30060
Brian J. McAulay, D.C., Ph.D., President
Accreditation Action: Continued and remove sanction of probation

Following the status review meeting, the Council conducted deliberations and reached a consensus decision to **continued the accreditation and removed the probation sanction for the one (1) area of noncompliance** of the LUCC doctor of chiropractic degree program.

Bases and reasons for decision: The Council reviewed all materials provided in the progress report regarding the CCE Accreditation Standards (and applicable policies), and found that the licensing exam success rate meets the CCE Policy 56 threshold. The Council determined that the program provided the evidence requested by the Council in its July 16, 2025, letter and meets the standards for accreditation regarding student achievement (Standards, Section 2.A.4) and CCE Policy 56, with no further reporting required at this time.

Next Accreditation Activity: Self-Study Report: Fall 2028
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2029

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 then 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

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then subsequently makes a decision to continue, defer or revoke accreditation of the program and/or impose sanctions, if applicable.

Miami VA Healthcare System – Chiropractic Residency Program (MVAHS)
1201 NW 16th St, Miami, FL 33125
Gina M. Bonavito-Larragoite, D.C., Director of Integrated Chiropractic Residency
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 MVAHS.

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 2029
Next Comprehensive Site Visit, Spring 2032

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VA Palo Alto Health Care System Chiropractic Residency Program (VAPAHCS)
3801 Miranda Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94304
Robert W. Walsh, D.C., Chief of Chiropractic Services
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 VAPAHCS.

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, Spring 2029
Next Comprehensive Site Visit, Fall 2031

Award, Defer or Deny 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 then 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

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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 then subsequently makes a decision to continue, defer or revoke accreditation of the program and/or impose sanctions, if applicable.

VA Finger Lakes Healthcare System Chiropractic Residency Program (VAFLHS)
400 Fort Hill Ave., Canandaigua, NY 14424
Lindsay Rae, D.C., Chiropractic Residency Program 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 VAFLHS.

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 at this time.

Next Accreditation Activity: Self-Study: Fall 2027
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 then subsequently makes a decision to continue, defer, or revoke accreditation of the program and/or impose sanctions, if applicable.

VA Puget Sound Health Care System (VAPSHCS) - Chiropractic Residency Program
9600 Veterans Drive, Tacoma, WA, 98943
Clint Daniels, D.C., M.S., Chiropractic Residency Program Director
Accreditation Action: Continued and remove sanction of Warning

Following the status review meeting, the Council conducted deliberations and reached a consensus decision to **continued the accreditation and removed the warning sanction** of the chiropractic residency program at VAPSHCS.

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 implementation of the resident chart review form and faculty training on this assessment. The Council determined that the program provided the information requested by the Council in its July 16, 2025, letter and meets the standards for accreditation regarding quality patient care (Standards, Section 2.H.5), with no further reporting required at this time.

Next Accreditation Activity: Program Interim Report, Fall 2028

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Next Comprehensive Site Visit, Spring 2031

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