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STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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Date of Initial Accreditation:	2009
Accreditation:	CPME: April 2016 WASC Senior College and University Commission: Reaffirmation Visit 2018; Special Visit 2021
Maximum Enrollment:	50 (April 2016)
Date of Previous Evaluation:	February 8-10, 2010 (Candidate Status) January 31 – February 2, 2011 (Focused) August 27-30, 2012 (Comprehensive) February 1-4, 2016 (Comprehensive)
Next Scheduled Site Visit:	CPME: November 6-9, 2023 WASC Senior College and University Commission: Spring 2023 (Follow-up from spring 2021 special visit)

Brief History since the Last Comprehensive Evaluation:

April 2016 Council Meeting

Based on review of the comprehensive report of the evaluation team, the college's written response to the team report, and the presentation by institutional representatives to the Accreditation Committee on April 28, the Council granted accreditation of the Western University of Health Sciences College School of Podiatric Medicine through April 2024. On-site re-evaluation may be expected during the fall of 2023. The maximum first year class enrollment for the institution is 50.

Four areas of noncompliance were cited following the on-site evaluation, which took place February 1-4, 2016 (4.D - Pre-clinical Science Instruction; 5.A - Faculty Qualifications; 5.B - Size of Faculty; and 7.A – Physical Plant).

October 2016 Council Meeting

The Accreditation Committee and the Council considered the progress report regarding the remaining areas of noncompliance identified in the February 2016 evaluation team report.

Based on a recommendation of the Committee, the Council determined the college to be in compliance with requirement 5.B related to faculty size.

The Committee and the Council determined the college remained in noncompliance with requirements 4.D - Pre-clinical Science Instruction; 5.B - Size of Faculty; and 7.A - Physical Plant.

April 2017 Council Meeting

The Committee and the Council considered the progress report regarding the remaining areas of noncompliance identified in the February 2016 team report.

Based on a recommendation of the Committee, the Council determined the college to be in compliance with requirements 4.D - Pre-clinical Science Instruction; 5.B - Size of Faculty; and 7.A - Physical Plant in CPME 120.

Based on review of the annual report and a recommendation of the Committee, the Council determined the college is in noncompliance with requirement 8.C in CPME 120, *Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine* related to meeting an outcome measure required by the Council. Specifically, the college's four-year graduation rate for the three-year period of 2014-2016 averaged 69%, more than one standard deviation below the national average of 78% for 2014-2016.

October 2017 Council Meeting

The Committee and the Council considered the progress report submitted by the college and determined based on the Committee's recommendation, that the college submitted an adequate plan for coming into compliance, but quantifiable measures must be identified on how the plan is being implemented and data in existence to measure the plan's efficacy. A progress report is requested for the April 2018 meeting.

April 2018 Council Meeting

The Committee and the Council considered the annual report and progress report. Based on a recommendation from the Committee, the Council determined that the college remains in noncompliance with requirement 8C in CPME 120, *Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine* related to meeting an outcome measure required by the Council. Specifically, the college's four-year graduation rate for the three-year period of 2015-2017 is 69%, more than one standard deviation below the national average of 80.4% for 2015-2017.

October 2018 Council Meeting

Due to the fact that the graduation rate will be recalculated at the spring meetings of the Accreditation Committee and the Council to include the mean three-year graduation rate for all colleges for years 2016-2018, the college continues to be in noncompliance with requirement 8.C in CPME 120, *Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine*. Specifically, the college is in noncompliance with requirement 8.C related to graduation rates.

April 2019 Council Meeting

The Committee and the Council considered the annual report and progress report. Based on a

recommendation from the Committee, the Council determined that the college remains in noncompliance with requirement 8C in CPME 120, *Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine* related to meeting an outcome measure required by the Council. Specifically, the College's four-year graduation rate for the three-year period of 2016-2018 is 69%. The mean three-year graduation rate for all colleges for years 2016-2018 is 81.1% with a standard deviation of 6.2, meaning the college falls outside of one standard deviation and continues to be in noncompliance with the standard.

October 2019 Council Meeting

The graduation rate will be recalculated at the spring meetings of the Accreditation Committee and the Council once the college annual reports are submitted. For now, the college continues to be in noncompliance with requirement 8.C in CPME 120, *Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine*. Specifically, the college is in noncompliance with requirement 8.C related to graduation rates.

May 2020 Council Meeting

The Accreditation Committee and the Council considered the abbreviated annual report and the progress report submitted by the college. Based on a recommendation from the Committee, the Council determined that the college remains in noncompliance with requirement 8C in CPME 120, *Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine* related to meeting an outcome measure required by the Council. Specifically, the College's four-year graduation rate for the three-year period of 2017-2019 is 68%. The mean three-year graduation rate for all colleges for years 2017-2019 is 81.55% with a standard deviation of 6.057, meaning the College falls outside of one standard deviation and continues to be in noncompliance with the standard.

October 2020 Council Meeting

The area of noncompliance (requirement 8C) related to graduation rates is now **corrected**. The college has a four-year graduation rate for the years 2018-2020 of 72%.

October 2021 Council Meeting

The Accreditation Committee and the Council considered the annual report and submitted by the college. Based on a recommendation from the Accreditation Committee, the Council determined that the college is in noncompliance with requirement 8.C in CPME 120, *Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine* related to meeting an outcome measure required by the Council, Assessment of Programmatic Outcomes:

- *Licensure examination pass rates: The college is expected to demonstrate a licensure examination pass rate for first-time test takers, averaged over the most recent three years, of at least 75 percent on APMLE Part I and 80 percent on both parts of APMLE Part II.*

The college's licensure examination pass rates for first-time test takers, averaged over the most recent three years (2019-2021), was 73% on the American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination (APMLE) Part I.

April 2022 Council Meeting

The Accreditation Committee and the Council considered the additional information from the annual report and the progress report submitted by the college. Based on a recommendation from the Accreditation Committee, the Council determined that the college remains in noncompliance with requirement 8.C in CPME 120, *Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric*

Medicine related to meeting an outcome measure required by the Council, Assessment of Programmatic Outcomes:

- *Licensure examination pass rates: The college is expected to demonstrate a licensure examination pass rate for first-time test takers, averaged over the most recent three years, of at least 75 percent on APMLE Part I and 80 percent on both parts of APMLE Part II.*

The college's licensure examination pass rates for first-time test takers, averaged over the most recent three years (2019-2021), including the October 2021 scores was 71% on APMLE Part I.

The college is required to submit a progress report for consideration at the October 2022 meetings of the Accreditation Committee and the Council that includes the college's progress in correcting the area of noncompliance. The college must take appropriate action to bring itself into compliance with the standards and requirements. Since the Council first identified the college as being in noncompliance with standard and requirement 8.C in October 2021, the college has until October 2023 to come into compliance with the requirement unless an extension for good cause is requested and granted. It is very important to note that the college is at risk for probation and subsequent withdrawal of accreditation if the area of noncompliance is not corrected.

October 2022 Council Meeting

The Accreditation Committee and the Council considered the progress report submitted by the college. Based on a recommendation from the Accreditation Committee, the Council determined that the area of noncompliance: Requirement 8C (Assessment of Programmatic Outcomes – Licensure examination pass rates) is now **corrected**. The college now has a 3-year pass rate on the APMLE Part 1 examination of 77% (the requirement is a 3-year pass rate on APMLE Part 1 of 75%).

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