

Council on Podiatric Medical Education

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CPME Mission and Goals

The Council on Podiatric Medical Education (Council or CPME) is an autonomous, professional accrediting agency that evaluates and accredits educational institutions and programs in the specialized field of podiatric medicine. CPME is designated by the American Podiatric Medical Association to serve as the accrediting agency for podiatric medical education.

The mission of the Council is to promote the quality of graduate education, postgraduate education, certification, and continuing education. By confirming these programs meet established standards and requirements, the Council serves to protect the public, podiatric medical students, and doctors of podiatric medicine. To achieve its mission, CPME has adopted and prioritized the following objectives:

1. Encourage, enhance, and assure the quality of the educational outcome at all levels in podiatric medicine.
2. Encourage, enhance, and assure the quality of the educational process at all levels in podiatric medicine.
3. Maintain compliance with the criteria for recognition established by the U. S. Secretary of Education and Council for Higher Education Accreditation.
4. Regulate compliance with standards, requirements, and criteria established by CPME.
5. Establish and maintain good lines of communication between CPME and its community of interest.
6. Be responsive to innovative concepts in podiatric medical education.
7. Review and resolve complaints received about colleges, sponsors of continuing education, residency program sponsors, and specialty boards.
8. Seek out ways to improve upon the quality and methods of the CPME evaluation process.
9. Participate in the national discussion on issues concerning accreditation, including, but not limited to, maintaining membership in the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors.

As the accrediting agency for the podiatric medical profession, CPME supports the following principles:

Validity and reliability. Accreditation of podiatric medical education is based on the belief that podiatric medicine is a unique profession of such complexity and benefit to the health of the population that it requires a defined educational process based on consistently applied national standards. Podiatric medical education standards should be reasonable, valid, reliable, and consistent with the standards set by other medical professions.

Shared governance. Representatives of the profession are responsible for defining current and future podiatric practice, and CPME is responsible for setting quality standards enabling educational programs to prepare students for residency and residents for practice.

Respect for institutional autonomy. The sponsoring institution or organization assumes the responsibility for design, implementation, ongoing support, and continuous evaluation of the program's effectiveness relative to its mission and goals.

Public representation. Persons not associated with the podiatric medical profession play an active role in the accreditation, approval, and recognition standard-setting and decision-making processes.

CPME Meetings

Spring 2022

The Council held its spring meeting April 23 at APMA Headquarters in Bethesda, MD. The recommendations emanating from Council committees, which completed their deliberations at meetings and conference calls held from March - April, constitute the majority of each CPME agenda and include the review of reports from the colleges of podiatric medicine. The Continuing Education Committee (CEC), Residency Review Committee (RRC), and the Collaborative Residency Evaluator Committee (CREC) all held meetings in March. The Accreditation Committee and the Council's Budget Planning and Executive Committees held their meetings April 21-22.

The CPME *Bylaws* and the *CPME Policies and Miscellaneous Document* were revised and adopted at the April 23rd Council meeting.

Fall 2022

The Council held its fall meeting October 21. The recommendations emanating from Council committees, which completed their deliberations at meetings and conference calls held from September-October, constitute the majority of each CPME agenda and include the review of progress reports from the colleges of podiatric medicine. The Continuing Education Committee, Continuing Education Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, and the Residency Review Committee held their meetings in September and the Accreditation Committee, Budget Planning and Executive Committees met in October.

The Council updated the *CPME Bylaws* at the October meeting to add the definition of a consultant. An additional bylaw revision approved at the meeting and eligible for adoption at the spring 2023 meeting of the Council includes updating the number of representatives on the Residency Review Committee to include two representatives from the AACPM Council of Teaching Hospitals instead of one and including two at-large representatives from residency programs instead of one. The Council updated the *CPME Policies and Miscellaneous Documents* section on Accreditation and Evaluation Fees and Other Assessment. The updated *CPME Bylaws*

and the *CPME Policies and Miscellaneous Documents* can be found [here](#), [here](#), and a summary found [here](#).

CPME Officers and Elections

At the October 2022 Council meeting, Drs. Keith Cook and John Marcoux were installed for their second one-year terms as chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the Council. Dr. Eric Stamps was elected to his third three-year term as an at-large member of the Council and Dr. Jennifer Mathews was elected to her second three-year term as the public member on the Council. Drs. Harry Schneider, Melanie Violand, and Steven Vyce were all elected to their second three-year term as at-large members of the Council. Ms. Amanda Soelle was elected to her first three-year term as public member of the CPME and replaces Mr. Rodney Peele who retired from the Council following distinguished service to CPME.

Keith Cook, DPM is the director of the podiatry department at University Hospital, Newark, NJ. Dr. Cook has served as a residency evaluator and a college evaluator, the chair of the Residency Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, and as a member of the Residency Review Committee.

John T. Marcoux, DPM is a faculty member at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, MA and serves as a residency evaluator and as the chair of the Residency Review Committee.

Jennifer Mathews, PhD was elected to her second term as a CPME public member. Dr. Mathews is the Associate Vice Provost for Academic Administration and Chief Assessment Officer at the University of Rochester in Rochester, NY. Dr. Mathews serves as a college evaluator and on the Accreditation Committee.

Harry Schneider, DPM was elected to his second term as an at-large member on the Council. He serves as the residency program director at Cambridge Health Alliance Podiatric Medicine and Surgery in Cambridge, MA. Dr. Schneider serves as a CPME residency evaluator and as a member of the Residency Review Committee, the Residency Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, the Specialty Board Recognition Committee, and the Specialty Board Recognition Committee Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

Amanda Soelle is the CEO of AJS Consulting in Madison, Wisconsin.

Eric Stamps, DPM was elected to his third term as an at-large member on the Council. He is the Dean at the California School of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt University. Dr. Stamps serves as a college evaluator and is the chair of the Accreditation Committee.

Melanie Violand, DPM was elected to her second term as an at-large member on the Council. She is the Associate Dean at the Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University in Glendale, AZ. Dr. Violand serves as a CPME residency evaluator, as a member of the Accreditation Committee, the Specialty Board Recognition Committee, and the Specialty Board Recognition Committee Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

Steven Vyce, DPM was elected to his second term as an at-large member on the Council. He serves as Chief, Department of Podiatric Surgery and Medicine, Yale-New Haven Hospital in New Haven, CT. Dr. Vyce serves as a CPME residency evaluator and as a member of the Residency Review Committee and the Residency Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

CPME Self-Study

The Council has begun working on the CPME Self-Study, which was last updated in October 2017 and is due for review every five years. During the summer of 2022, the Council sent out a survey to the community of interest for input as to how well the Council is functioning. The Council reviewed the survey responses and began to work on the self-study during the October 2022 meeting. The Council will continue to work on the self-study throughout 2023.

CPME Publication Updates:

Interim Review of CPME College Documents: CPME 120 and CPME 130

Three years following a comprehensive review of the college accreditation documents, the Accreditation Committee conducts an interim review of the documents, CPME 120, *Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine*, and CPME 130, *Procedures for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine*. The committee worked on the interim review throughout summer 2022 and forwarded its proposed revisions to CPME for approval at the October 2022 meeting. The Council approved the revisions and determined the documents will be forwarded to the community of interest for a comment period of three months. At the April 2023 committee and Council meetings, all survey results and comments will be reviewed. The Council will determine at that time if the documents are ready for adoption.

The proposed revisions to CPME 120 and 130 along with a summary of changes can be found [here](#).

Specialty Board Recognition Committee Document Revision Process Underway: CPME 220 and CPME 230

The Specialty Board Recognition Committee (SBRC) Ad Hoc Advisory Committee met for their first meeting November 11, 2022, to begin work on revising CPME 220, *Criteria and Guidelines for Recognition of a Specialty Board for Podiatric Medical Practice*, and CPME 230, *Procedures for Recognition of a Specialty Board for Podiatric Medical Practice*. The committee plans to meet again in January and February 2023 to continue the document revision process. More information can be found [here](#).

CPME Residency Documents Adopted: CPME 320 and CPME 330

Following a call for comment period from the community of interest, CPME has adopted the revisions to CPME 320, *Standards and Requirements for Approval of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residencies* and CPME 330, *Procedures for Approval of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residencies*, **with the exception of Appendix, C, Milestones.**

The Council elected to defer making a decision related to Appendix C, Milestones. CPME will survey the community of interest related to the required use of Milestones in residency training and will revisit this issue at its April 2023 meeting. More information can be found [here](#).

The newly approved documents will have an implementation date of July 1, 2023. The Council will provide live and virtual training for program directors throughout 2023 to include three-hour training workshops (two hours for programs directors and one hour for evaluators, with all invited to attend both sessions) at the following conferences:

NYSPMA Clinical Conference, New York, NY

ACFAS Residency Director Forum, Los Angeles, CA

Collaborative Residency Evaluator Training (CREC), Chicago, IL

One-hour Introductory Presentations/Q&A Sessions to be held at CRIP in Frisco, TX and the APMA Annual Scientific Meeting (The National), Nashville, TN.

CPME Continuing Education Document Revisions: CPME 720 and CPME 730

On a regularly scheduled basis, CPME reviews and, when appropriate, revises the requirements and procedures associated with various evaluation activities. The Council has initiated a review of publications related to continuing education provider evaluation and approval, CPME 720, *Standards and Requirements for Approval of Providers of Continuing Education in Podiatric Medicine* and CPME 730, *Procedures for Approval of Providers of Continuing Education in Podiatric Medicine*. The Council anticipates the review process will take 12-24 months.

The Continuing Education Committee Ad Hoc Advisory Committee met for their first meeting on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at APMA HQ, where they began work on revising CPME 720, *Standards and Requirements for Approval of Providers of Continuing Education in Podiatric Medicine*, and CPME 730, *Procedures for Approval of Providers of Continuing Education in Podiatric Medicine*. The committee is scheduled to meet again in January and March 2023 to continue the document revision process. More information can be found [here](#).

CPME Fellowship Document Rewrite: CPME 820 and CPME 830

On a regularly scheduled basis, CPME reviews and, when appropriate, revises the requirements and procedures associated with various evaluation activities. The Council has initiated a review of publications related to fellowship evaluation and approval, CPME 820, *Standards and Requirements for Approval of Podiatric Fellowships* and CPME 830, *Procedures for Approval of Podiatric Fellowships*.

An initial survey to the community of interest was disseminated in July 2021 and was open until September 30, 2021. The Committee held three meetings in 2022 and submitted Draft I of the revised documents to Council for consideration.

At the October 2022 meeting, the Council approved Draft I of CPME 820, *Standards and Requirements for Approval of Podiatric Fellowships* and CPME 830, *Procedures for Approval of*

Podiatric Fellowships. These documents were disseminated for comment to the community of interest for 60 days with the comment period closing January 30, 2023. The Council will review the comments and determine next steps and possible adoption at their spring 2023 meeting. More information can be found [here](#).

Colleges of Podiatric Medicine

The Accreditation Committee is responsible for recommending to the Council candidacy of new and accreditation of existing colleges leading to the professional degree in podiatric medicine. The Committee reviews evaluation reports, progress reports, and other information submitted by the institutions within its review area.

The Council took the following accreditation actions at its 2022 meetings:

April 2022 Meeting

Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science – At its April 2022 meeting, the Council elected, based on an on-site evaluation, to extend accreditation through April 2030.

Des Moines University College of Podiatric Medicine – At its April 2022 meeting, the Council approved the college’s substantive change requests to offer two courses asynchronously in the third year and to add a clinical biomechanics rotation to the third year.

June 2022 Meeting

Granted candidacy status to the **University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) School of Podiatric Medicine (SOPM)**.

October 2022 Meeting

California School of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt University – At its October 2022 meeting, the Council elected, based on an on-site evaluation, to extend accreditation through October 2027. Four new areas of noncompliance were identified during the site visit and the School continues to be in noncompliance with Standard 8 Requirement C, Programmatic Outcomes. The Council also approved the substantive change submitted by the School to disaffiliate with Sutter Health.

Des Moines University College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery – At its October 2022 meeting, the Council granted preliminary approval of the substantive change request to change the location of the College until such time that CPME can conduct an on-site evaluation when the move has been completed.

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) School of Podiatric Medicine – At its October 2022 meeting, the Council granted candidacy status to the LECOM School of Podiatric

Medicine.

November 2022 meeting

New York College of Podiatric Medicine (NYCPM) – At its November 14, 2022 meeting, the Council reviewed the extension for good cause submitted by the New York College of Podiatric Medicine. After due consideration, the Council determined there was good cause to grant the extension of time to allow the College to demonstrate compliance with the accreditation standard and requirement. Additionally, the Council rescinded the probation order placed at the October 2022 meeting as the reason for the probation order was no longer applicable due to the granting of the extension of time. The Council first identified the New York College of Podiatric Medicine as being in noncompliance with Standard 1 Requirement D, Ongoing Evaluation Process, in April 2021. Under the Council's rules of procedure, the College is permitted a period of time to come into compliance with accreditation standards. With the grant of the time extension, the College now has until April 2025 to come into compliance.

Residency Programs

The Residency Review Committee (RRC) is a collaborative effort of CPME-recognized specialty boards, the Council of Teaching Hospitals (COTH) of the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine, and CPME. The Committee reviews, takes actions on, and makes recommendations concerning podiatric residency programs in accordance with procedures and requirements set forth by the Council. The RRC meets semi-annually to deliberate and recommend approval of residency programs.

Residency actions taken at the March 2022 RRC and April 2022 CPME meetings, and through e-ballots and conference calls included: (see pages 12–15 in CPME 330 *Procedures for Approval of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residencies* for definitions of the following categories of approval)

- Sustain to Withdraw Approval – 0
- Withdrawal of Approval – 0
- Probationary Approval – 2
- Approval – 5
- Approval with additional information requested – 8
- Provisional Approval – 2
- Voluntary Withdrawal – 5

Residency actions taken at the September 2022 RRC and October 2022 CPME meetings, through e-ballots and conference calls included:

- Sustain to Withdraw Approval – 0
- Voluntary Withdrawal of Approval – 1
- Probationary Approval – 0
- Approval – 8

- Approval with additional information requested – 13

During 2022, the Council and RRC conducted virtual on-site evaluations of 43 new and approved residency programs. As of December 2022, the Council had authorized 631 first-year residency positions.

Continuing Education Providers

The Continuing Education Committee (CEC) is responsible for reviewing applications for approval of new providers, petitions for continuing approval, evaluation reports, progress reports, and other information submitted by the providers within its review area. The Council approves providers of continuing education that demonstrate and maintain compliance with the standards and requirements identified in CPME 720, *Standards and Requirements for Approval of Providers of Continuing Education in Podiatric Medicine*. Approval is based on programmatic evaluation and periodic review by the Council and the Committee. The primary purpose of approval is to promote and ensure high-quality education and continuous improvement in educational programs. Approval also ensures the quality of continuing education programs to the public, the podiatric medical profession, and state boards for examination and licensure.

Continuing Education Committee actions taken at the April 2022 meeting of the Council included the following:

- Approval with additional information requested – 6
- Approval of New Provider – 0
- Probationary Approval – 3
- Voluntary Termination – 0

Continuing Education Committee actions taken at the October 2022 meeting of the Council included the following:

- Approval with additional information requested – 7
- Approval of New Provider – 2
- Probationary Approval – 2
- Voluntary Termination – 0

As of December 2022, the Council has approved 58 providers of continuing education in podiatric medicine.

Fellowships

A podiatric fellowship is an educational program that provides advanced knowledge, experience, and training in a specific content area within podiatric medical practice. Fellowships, by virtue of their specific content concentration, seek to add to the body of

knowledge through research and other collaborative scholarly activities.

Following four years of professional education, all podiatric medical graduates complete at least three years of residency training. Podiatric fellowship education is a component in the continuum of the educational process, and such education occurs after completion of an approved residency. As of December 2022, the Council approves 15 fellowships with a total of 22 first-year fellowship positions.

Specialty Boards

As delegated by the Council, the SBRC is responsible for recommending to the Council the granting of new and continuing recognition to specialty boards in podiatric medicine. The SBRC reviews applications, annual reports, petitions for continued recognition, progress reports, and other information submitted by the specialty boards within its review area. The SBRC may recommend to the Council minor or emergency modifications in policies, standards, requirements, and procedures and recommend to the responsible ad hoc advisory committee modification of policies, standards, requirements, and procedures relative to the areas of responsibility of the SBRC.

Certification processes are identified for podiatric surgery and podiatric medicine and orthopedics. The Council recognizes the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS) and the American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM).

During its May 2022 meeting, the SBRC conducted a review of the annual reports submitted by ABFAS and ABPM.

Collaborative Residency Evaluator Committee (CREC)

The Collaborative Residency Evaluator Committee (CREC) met on December 3, 2022, for its annual winter meeting. The Committee agreed to host multiple in-person training workshops in Spring 2023 on the revised CPME 320 and 330 documents for returning evaluators, as well as a New Evaluator Training Workshop on Saturday, April 29, 2023. The location for this training is Chicago, IL.

Department of Education

The Council holds recognition as the accrediting body for first professional degree programs in podiatric medicine from the Secretary of the US Department of Education (USDE), appearing on the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies that the US Secretary of Education identifies as reliable authorities concerning the quality of education offered by educational institutions or programs. The Council has appeared on the secretary's list since the recognition process was first legislated in 1952.

CPME submitted a petition for continued recognition in 2021. The USDE staff and the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) both recommended renewing CPME's recognition for continued recognition in 2022 for five years with no

deficiencies. In spring 2022, CPME received official notice from the Secretary of Education that CPME’s recognition by the USDE was renewed for 5 years.

Council on Higher Education Accreditation

CPME holds recognition from the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as the specialized/professional accrediting agency for colleges of podiatric medicine, first professional degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, and the pre-accreditation category of candidate status for developing colleges, schools, and programs of podiatric medicine.

CPME’s interim report to CHEA was accepted in 2021 and the next comprehensive CHEA recognition review in 2025.

Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors

The Council is a charter member of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA), which was established in 1993 as an umbrella organization to represent the interests of specialized accreditation. ASPA’s mission is to communicate the value of specialized and professional higher education accreditation and promotes quality by facilitating discussion among and providing educational opportunities for programmatic accreditors. ASPA represents its members on issues of educational quality facing institutions of higher education, governments, students, and the public. ASPA advances the knowledge, skills, good practices, and ethical commitments of accreditors, and communicates the value of accreditation as a means of enhancing educational quality.

2022 Residency and Fellowship On-Site Evaluations

Approved Programs	Location	Approval Category	Date of Visit
Ascension Genesys Hospital	Grand Blanc, MI	PMSR/RRA	12-Apr
Ascension Macomb Oakland Hospital	Warren, MI	PMSR/RRA	18-Nov
Ascension Providence Hospital Southfield Campus, Novi Campus	Southfield MI	PMSR/RRA	5-Dec
Ascension Saint Joseph - Chicago	Chicago, IL	PMSR/RRA	18-Nov
Ascension Saint Joseph - Chicago	Chicago, IL	Fellowship	18-Nov
Beaumont Health - Farmington Hills	Farmington Hills, MI	PMSR/RRA	7-Oct
Beaumont Hospital - Farmington Hills	Farmington Hills, MI	Provisional Fellowship	27-Apr
Bellevue Hospital	New York, NY	PMSR & PMSR/RRA	9-Dec
Christiana Care Health Services	Wilmington, DE	PMSR/RRA	15-Apr
Cooper University Hospital	Camden, NJ	PMSR/RRA	17-Jun
Creighton University	Phoenix, AZ	PMSR/RRA	2-May
Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center – San Francisco	San Francisco, CA	PMSR/RRA	11-May
Department of Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System	Palo Alto, CA	PMSR/RRA	2-Dec
Detroit Medical Center	Detroit MI	PMSR/RRA	6-May
Eastern Virginia Medical School	Norfolk, VA	PMSR/RRA	30-Sep

Franciscan Health System - St. Francis Hospital	Federal Way, WA	PMSR/RRA	4-Nov
HealthAlliance Hospital	Kingston, NY	PMSR/RRA	3-Jun
Huntington Hospital at Northwell Health	Huntington, NY	Provisional Fellowship	5-May
Jefferson Health - Northeast	Philadelphia, PA	PMSR/RRA	9-Sep
JFK Medical Center	Atlantis, FL	PMSR/RRA	18-Nov
Larkin Community Hospital	South Miami, FL	PMSR/RRA	25-Mar
Larkin Community Hospital - Palm Springs Campus	Hialeah, FL	PMSR/RRA	4-Nov
LECOM Health/Millcreek Community Hospital	Erie, PA	PMSR/RRA	2-Dec
McLaren Oakland	Pontiac, MI	PMSR/RRA	22-Apr
Mercy Hospital, a Campus of Plantation General Hospital and Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine	Miami, FL	PMSR/RRA	16-Dec
MetroWest Medical Center	Framingham, MA	PMSR/RRA	6-May
Montefiore Medical Center	Bronx, NY	PMSR/RRA	4-Nov
Mount Sinai Medical Center	Miami, FL	PMSR/RRA	13-May
Oak Hill Hospital	Brooksville, FL	Provisional PMSR/RRA	27-May
Orlando VA Medical Center	Orlando, FL	PMSR/RRA	18-May
Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital, Inc.	Binghamton, NY	PMSR/RRA	4-Nov
Reading Hospital	West Reading, PA	PMSR/RRA	9-Sep
Scott & White Medical Center – Temple	Temple, TX	PMSR/RRA	22-April
Southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Health Care System	Tucson, AZ	PMSR/RRA	29-April
St. Barnabas Hospital	Bronx, NY	PMSR & PMSR/RRA	30-March
St. Mary's Medical Center – San Francisco	San Francisco, CA	PMSR/RRA	3-Jun
Surgical Hospital of Oklahoma, LLC and Cleveland Clinic Foundation	Oklahoma City, OK	PMSR/RRA	12-May
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center	Columbus, OH	PMSR/RRA	9-Nov
UPMC Medical Education	Pittsburgh, PA	PMSR/RRA	1-Jun
West Penn Hospital	Pittsburgh, PA	PMSR/RRA	14-Oct
William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Affairs Hospital	Madison, WI	PMSR/RRA	9-Sep
Wyckoff Heights Medical Center	Brooklyn, NY	Provisional Fellowship	19-Sep
Yale-New Haven Hospital	New Haven, CT	PMSR/RRA	4-Nov

CPME Volunteers

The time and efforts of many dedicated volunteer leaders are required for the college accreditation and residency and fellowship approval processes. CPME members and staff extend their appreciation and gratitude to all those who reviewed applications, self-studies, progress reports, and evaluation documents and conducted on-site visits. Special thanks are due to the individuals who participated in on-site reviews of residency programs during the past year, particularly those who accepted promotions to team chair, and those who participated in more than one on-site visit. The Council could not have accomplished its work without them.

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