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STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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| College: | California School of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt University |
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| President: | Ching-Hua Wang, MD, PhD |
| Academic Dean: | Eric Stamps, DPM |
| Date of Initial Accreditation: | 1922 |
| Accreditation: | CPME: October 2014 WASC Senior College and University Commission: 2021 |
| Maximum Enrollment: | 48 (October 2014) |
| Date of Previous Evaluations: | California College of Podiatric Medicine September 9-11, 1996 (Focused - CPME) March 16-18, 1998 (Comprehensive - CPME) January 10-11, 1999 (Focused - CPME) California School of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt University May 29-30, 2002 (Focused with WASC related to merger) November 11-13, 2002 (Comprehensive - CPME) May 1-3, 2006 (Comprehensive - CPME) June 9-12, 2014 (Comprehensive – CPME) |
| Next Scheduled Site Visit: | CPME: June 13-16, 2022 WASC Senior College and University Commission: 2030 |

Brief History since the Last Comprehensive Evaluation:

October 2014

Based on review of the comprehensive report of the evaluation team, the school's written response to the team report, and the dean's presentation to the Committee, the Council granted accreditation of the California School of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt University through October 2022. The maximum first year class enrollment institution is 48. No areas of noncompliance were identified during the on-site evaluation.



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October 2021

The Accreditation Committee and the Council considered the annual report submitted by the school. Based on a recommendation from the Accreditation Committee, the Council determined that the school 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 school'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.

Concerning the Substantive Change: The Council accepted the Accreditation Committee's recommendation and voted to approve the substantive change request to disaffiliate with Sutter Health and conduct the required on-site visit to be held in conjunction with the June 2022 accreditation site visit.

April 2022

The Accreditation Committee and the Council considered the progress report submitted by the school. Based on a recommendation from the Committee, the Council determined that the school 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 school's licensure examination pass rate for the three-year period of 2019-2021, including the October 2021 scores is now 74%. The Council's requirement is that schools must 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 school is required to submit a progress report for consideration at the October 2022 meetings of the Accreditation Committee and the Council that includes the school's progress in correcting the area of noncompliance. The school must take appropriate action to bring itself into compliance with the standards and requirements. Since the Council first identified the school as being in noncompliance with standard and requirement 8.C in October 2021, the school 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 school is at risk for probation and subsequent withdrawal of accreditation if the area of noncompliance is not corrected.

Last updated 4.29.2022