



Report of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education – April 2023

The Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME or Council) held its spring meeting April 21-22 at APMA Headquarters in Bethesda, MD. The recommendations emanating from Council committees, which completed their deliberations at meetings and conference calls held from January-April, constitute the majority of each CPME agenda and include the review of reports from the colleges of podiatric medicine. The Specialty Board Recognition Committee (SBRC) met in January, and 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 19-21.

CPME Bylaw and Policy Changes

The Council updated the *CPME Bylaws* at the April 2023 meeting to:

- modify the composition of the Residency Review Committee,
- update pronouns used within the bylaws, and
- remove a reference to political entities within the conflicts of interest rules.

The newly adopted bylaws can be found on [CPME.org](https://www.cpme.org).

CPME Statement Concerning Negative and Unprofessional Social Media Posts

The Council created a statement at the April 21-22, 2023, meeting concerning the recent attacks posted on social media against the Council and its individual members.

The Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME or the Council) is aware of recent posts on social media and online messaging boards against the Council and its individual members. These posts are unprofessional and inflammatory, and they do not serve to promote the profession. CPME commends APMA for its recent message from the Board of Trustees and agrees that this negative and damaging behavior should not only cease but also be publicly denounced by professional organizations and their members.

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.

CPME encourages all entities within the podiatric profession to work together to create solutions to address challenges within the profession.

CPME Self-Study

The Council has finalized the 2023 CPME Self-Study, which was last updated in October 2017 and is due for review every five years. The Council began the self-study process in 2022 with a survey of the community of interest for input into how well the Council is functioning. The 2023 CPME Self-Study will be posted on the [CPME website](#) in the coming weeks once all edits are finalized.

Council Elections

The Council elected its officers to be effective at the close of the Council's October 2023 meeting: Dr. JT Marcoux of Boston, MA was elected chair and Dr. Alyssa Stephenson was elected vice-chair.

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

Alyssa Stephenson, DPM is a podiatrist at the Carl T. Hayden Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Phoenix, AZ. Dr. Stephenson serves as a college site visit evaluator and as chair of the Continuing Education Committee and the Specialty Board Recognition Committee.

Accreditation Committee Actions April 2023

- The Council took the following accreditation action at its April 2023 meeting:

Des Moines University College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery – At its April 2023 meeting, the Council elected, based on an on-site evaluation, to extend accreditation through April 2031. The college is in compliance with all accreditation standards and requirements.

Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine – At its April 2023 meeting, the Council elected, based on an on-site evaluation, to extend accreditation through April 2029. Two areas of noncompliance were identified during the site visit: Standard 1 Mission and Planning, Requirement D Ongoing Evaluation Process/Standard 4 Curriculum, Requirement E Clinical Sciences and Standard 6 Students Requirement E Services.

- **Scheduled 2023 On-Site Visits**

The scheduled reaccreditation on-site visit to the Western University of Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine is scheduled for November 6-9, 2023.

The preaccreditation site visit to the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Podiatric Medicine is scheduled for December 11-14, 2023.

Public Notice: Call for Third-Party Comments

In accordance with the Council on Podiatric Medical Education's (CPME or Council) procedures, interested individuals or institutions are invited to submit third-party comments with respect to the compliance of the Western University of Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Podiatric Medicine with the standards and requirements of the Council.

Comments must relate specifically to the Council's requirements as published in CPME 120, *Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine*, which may be obtained on [CPME.org/cpme120](https://www.cpme.org/cpme120).

The Western University of Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine is scheduled for a reaccreditation site visit November 6-9, 2023. The accreditation decision will take place at the Council's spring 2024 meeting. Third-party comments concerning the Western University of Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine are due by October 10, 2023.

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Podiatric Medicine is scheduled for a preaccreditation site visit December 11-14, 2023. The preaccreditation decision will take place at the Council's spring 2024 meeting. Third-party comments concerning the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Podiatric Medicine are due by November 15, 2023.

Signed comments received by the Council will be shared with the institution and members of the evaluation team prior to the visit. The institution is notified of third-party comments so it may have the opportunity to respond. The Council will exercise its best efforts to keep confidential the identity of an individual or entity who submits a comment, unless the person or entity has specified in writing that it is permissible to reveal their identity. If confidentiality is appropriate, all correspondence with the institution will maintain this confidentiality. During its review of the college, the evaluation team considers third-party comments, if any, that relate to the accreditation standards.

Please submit third-party comments to:
Heather Stagliano, Executive Director
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The Accreditation Committee's next meeting will take place in Ft. Lauderdale, FL October 20-21, 2023.

CPME College Documents Adopted – CPME 120 and CPME 130

- **CPME 120 and CPME 130 Adopted Following Interim Review:** The Council's Accreditation Committee began the interim review of CPME 120 *Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine* and CPME 130 *Procedures for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine* in summer 2022 and forwarded their proposed revisions to the Council for their approval at the October 2022 meeting. The Council approved the revisions and conducted a call

for comment from the community of interest during winter 2022-2023. At the Accreditation Committee and Council's April 2023 meetings all survey results and comments were reviewed, and the Council adopted the revised documents. **The implementation date of the revised documents is April 22, 2023.** The revised documents are posted on the [CPME website](#).

CPME Fellowship Documents Adopted – CPME 820 and CPME 830

- CPME 820 and CPME 830 Adopted Following Ad Hoc Committee Review: The Council appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of CPME 820, *Standards and Requirements for Approval of Podiatric Fellowships* and CPME 830, *Procedures for Approval of Podiatric Fellowships* in 2021. The Ad Hoc Committee forwarded their proposed revisions to the Council for their approval at the October 2022 meeting.

The Council approved the revisions and conducted a call for comment from the community of interest during winter 2022-2023. At the Council's April 2023 meetings all survey results and comments were reviewed, and the Council adopted the revised documents. The implementation date of the revised documents is July 1, 2023. The revised documents along with a summary of modifications can be found on the [CPME website](#).

The Council also accepted the recommendation from the Executive Committee to amend the fellowship annual report to require programs to provide competencies as part of their reporting.

Residency and Fellowship Actions April 2023

Residency actions at the April 2023 CPME meeting included the following. (Please see pages 13-17 of the July 2015 version of CPME 330, *Procedures for Approval of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residencies*, at CPME.org/cpme330 for definitions of the following categories of approval.)

- Sustain to Withdraw Approval – 0
- Withdrawal of Approval – 0
- Probationary Approval – 5
- Approval – 3
- Approval with additional information requested – 14
- Provisional Approval – 0
- Voluntary Withdrawal – 0

Continuing Education Activities and Actions April 2023

Continuing Education actions taken at the April 2023 meeting of the Council include the following:

- Approval with additional information requested – 8
- Approval of New Provider – 1
- Probationary Approval – 0
- Voluntary Termination – 0

Collaborative Residency Evaluator Committee (CREC)

CREC hosted two in-person trainings on the revised CPME 320 and 330 documents at the NYSPPA and ACFAS conferences in January and February 2023 respectively. In addition, CREC hosted a combined New Evaluator Training Workshop for new evaluators and returning evaluators (on the 320 and 330 documents) in Chicago, IL on April 29, 2023. CREC will reconvene for a conference call in May 2023 to determine virtual training options for remaining evaluators not already trained on the revised standards.

CREC will also host a Chair Best Practices Discussion in August 2023, with a specific date TBD.

Document Reviews in Progress

SBRC Ad Hoc Committee – Rewrite of CPME 220 and CPME 230

Following review of the survey results from the community of interest, the ad hoc committee has been working to revise 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 SBRC Ad Hoc Committee held its first in person meeting on November 11, 2022, and met via video conference calls January 23 and March 8, 2023, and in person February 7-8, 2023. The committee is scheduled to meet again May 25, June 28, and August 1, 2023, via video conferencing and September 30-October 1, 2023, in person at APMA HQs.

CE Ad Hoc Committee – Rewrite of CPME 720 and CPME 730

The CE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee met for the first time on Saturday, September 17, 2022, to begin the process of 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 met virtually in January and February 2023 and met again in person on March 5, 2023, to continue the document revision process. The committee is scheduled to meet virtually May 16 and July 18, 2023. The next in person meeting will take place on September 23, 2023, at APMA HQs in Bethesda.