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## STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

College:	Western University of Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine
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Date of Initial Accreditation:	2009
Accreditation:	CPME: April 2016 WASC Senior College and University Commission: 2014; Reaffirmation Report: 2017; Visit: 2018
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: Fall 2023 WASC Senior College and University Commission: 2021 (Special Visit) and Accreditation Visit 2026

### Brief History since the Last Comprehensive Evaluation:

#### April 2016

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**

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**

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.

Since the Council first identified the college as being in noncompliance with requirement 8.C in April 2017, the College has until April 2019 to come into compliance with the requirement unless an extension for good cause is submitted by the college and granted by the Council.

### **October 2017**

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**

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. A progress report is requested

for the April 2019 meeting.

### **October 2018**

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**

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.

The College has entered its third year of noncompliance and has until April 2020 to come into compliance with the requirement, due to the approval of an extension for good cause. It is very important to note that the College is at risk for probation and subsequent withdrawal of accreditation at the upcoming meetings of the Accreditation Committee and Council if the area of noncompliance is not corrected.

### **October 2019**

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**

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.

The College has entered its fourth year of noncompliance and has until October 2020 to come into compliance with the requirement, due to the approval of an extension for good cause. It is very important to note that the College is at risk for probation and subsequent withdrawal of accreditation at

the upcoming meetings of the Accreditation Committee and Council if the area of noncompliance is not corrected.

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