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### STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

College:	Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine
Address:	6000 Rockside Woods Boulevard Independence, OH 44131
Telephone:	(216) 707-8004
President:	Todd Diacon, PhD
Academic Dean:	Vincent Hetherington, DPM
Date of Initial Accreditation:	1922
Accreditation:	CPME: April 2016 Higher Learning Commission: 2015
Maximum Enrollment:	103 (January 2005) 125 (October 2008) 125 (April 2017)
Dates of Previous Evaluations:	March 10, 1995 (Focused) April 12-14, 2000 (Comprehensive) March 17-19, 2008 (Comprehensive) August 22-25, 2016 (Comprehensive)
Next Scheduled Site Visit:	CPME: Fall 2024 Higher Learning Commission: 2024-2025

#### **Brief History since the Last Comprehensive Evaluation:**

##### **April 2017**

Based on review of the team report, the college's written response to the team report, and the presentation by institutional representatives to the Accreditation Committee on April 26, the Council granted accreditation of Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine through April 2025. On-site re-evaluation may be expected during the fall of 2024. The maximum first year class enrollment is 125.

Three areas of noncompliance (4.E – curriculum evaluation; 8.A and 8.B - related to the assessment plan and competencies/student learning outcomes) were cited following the on-site visit.

## **October 2017**

The Committee and the Council considered the progress report. Based on a recommendation from the Committee, the Council determined that the college was in compliance with requirements 4.E, related to curriculum evaluation and requirement 8.A and 8.B, related to the assessment plan and competencies/student learning outcomes.

## **April 2018**

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 2015-2017 averaged 71%, more than one standard deviation below the national average of 80.4% for 2015-2017.

Since the Council first identified the college as being in noncompliance with requirement 8.C in April 2018, the college has until April 2020 to come into compliance with the requirement unless an extension for good cause is submitted by the college and granted by the Council.

## **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 four-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 area of noncompliance (requirement 8c) related to graduation rates is now **corrected**. The college had a four-year graduation rate for the years 2016-2018 of 79%. The mean four-year graduation rate for all nine colleges or schools was 81.1% with a standard deviation of 6.2. Therefore, the college fell within one standard deviation of the mean.