

Council on Podiatric Medical Education

One Hundred Fourth Annual Report, 2023

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.

CPME Mission

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. Assure and enhance the quality of the educational outcome at all levels in podiatric medicine.
2. Assure and enhance the quality of the educational process at all levels in podiatric medicine.
3. Maintain compliance with the criteria for recognition established by the US Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.
4. Regulate compliance with standards, requirements, and criteria established by CPME.
5. Establish and maintain good lines of communication with the community of interest.
6. Be responsive to innovative concepts in podiatric medical education and training.
7. Review and resolve complaints received about colleges, providers of continuing education, residency and fellowship program sponsors, and specialty boards.
8. Seek out ways to improve upon the quality and methods of the CPME evaluation processes.
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.

Guiding Principles

The success of CPME is based on the following guiding principles. A commitment to:

- the CPME mission;
- the engagement in continuous quality improvement and learning;
- the contribution of CPME to the profession; and

- the cultivation and support of an environment that demonstrates commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion within its member institutions, board and staff, representatives, and all who are served by these groups.

CPME welcomes, embraces, and respects diversity of people, identities, abilities, and cultures.

CPME Meetings

Spring 2023

The 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 CPME’s Budget Planning and Executive Committees held their meetings April 19–21.

The CPME *Bylaws* were revised and adopted at the April 2023 CPME meeting to:

- modify the composition of the RRC;
- update pronouns used within the bylaws; and
- remove a reference to political entities within the conflicts of interest rules.

CPME Self-Study: The Council 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 is posted at www.cpme.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2023_CPME_Self_Study.pdf.

Milestones Pilot Project: At the April 2023 CPME meeting, the Council voted to create a Milestones Pilot Project. Led by a committee of experts in competency-based education, the Milestones Pilot Project Committee is responsible for creating a supplemental guide and training webinar for the podiatric milestones. Once this material has been created, these resources will be posted on the CPME website along with the milestones for optional use by residency programs.

The committee held several virtual meetings in the fall of 2023 and met in-person in December 2023. The Committee continued to work on adapting the language of the podiatric milestones and creating sufficient examples so that the milestones are easily understandable by program directors, clinical competency committees, and residents.

The committee will hold several videoconferences in spring 2024 to continue working on the supplemental guide.

Once the committee completes its work and the Council approves the revised milestones and supplemental guide, CPME will determine an appropriate timeline to enroll residency programs in the voluntary pilot program, train program directors, and begin the Milestones Pilot Project.

Fall 2023

The Council held its fall meeting October 20. The recommendations emanating from Council committees constitute the majority of each CPME agenda and include the review of annual reports and progress reports from the colleges of podiatric medicine. The CEC, Continuing Education Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, SBRC, Specialty Board Recognition Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, and RRC all held meetings in September, and the Accreditation Committee, Budget Planning and Executive Committees met in October.

Complaint Procedures Updated: CPME approved the separation of the CPME complaint procedures for colleges from that of the other activities of the Council. The CPME adopted the *Complaint Procedures* (925a) for complaints concerning the colleges to include additional language that adheres to new guidelines published by the US Department of Education:

- Added a sentence to the complaint procedures that a complainant may contact CPME in advance of submission of a complaint to obtain additional guidance and feedback concerning the complaint process and relevance of the complaint to the CPME standards and procedures.

For complaints concerning any other aspect of CPME or its approval or recognition of residency and fellowship programs, providers of continuing education, or the specialty boards, the Council created a separate document, *Complaint Procedures* (925b), that includes the following statement, which is also included in the newly revised CPME 925a:

- Complaint outcomes cannot be appealed, and submission of identical complaints will not be accepted that force the CPME to review a complaint again.

The updated *CPME Complaint Procedures* (925a and 925b) are available on the CPME website at www.cpme.org/cpme925a and www.cpme.org/cpme925b.

CPME Frequently Asked Questions: CPME finalized the Frequently Asked Questions documents to provide information about the CPME and its processes. These documents are available at www.cpme.org/about-the-council/cpme-faqs/.

CPME Officers and Elections

At the October CPME meeting, John Marcoux, DPM, and Alyssa Stephenson, DPM were installed as chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the Council.

Dr. Marcoux is a faculty member at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston and serves as a residency evaluator and most recently as RRC chair.

Dr. Stephenson is a podiatrist at the Carl T. Hayden Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Phoenix. She serves as a college site visit evaluator and as chair of the CEC and the SBRC.

Harry Schneider, DPM, was elected to serve on the CREC as a representative of the Council. He is the residency program director at Cambridge Health Alliance Podiatric Medicine and Surgery in Cambridge, MA and serves as a CPME residency and college evaluator, a member of the RRC, the SBRC, and the Specialty Board Recognition Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

Steven Vyce, DPM, was elected to serve as the chair of the RRC. He is the Chief of the department of Podiatric Surgery and Medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital in New Haven, CT, and serves as a CPME residency evaluator. He served previously as a member of CREC, the RRC, and the Residency Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

Following his service as CPME chair, and during his last year on CPME, Keith Cook, DPM, was elected to serve on the RRC and to continue serving as an ex-officio member of the Specialty Board Recognition Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

CPME Publication Updates:

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 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 available at www.cpme.org/cpme120 and www.cpme.org/cpme130.

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

The Specialty Board Recognition Ad Hoc Advisory Committee held its first in-person meeting on November 11, 2022, and has continued to meet throughout 2023 via videoconference and in-person meetings 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*. In addition, the SBRC Ad Hoc Advisory Committee held a listening session on August 30, 2023, to gather further insight on three main topics:

1. Requirements for initial or continued recognition of boards in podiatry.
2. Requirements for maintenance of certification/requirements for board certification of podiatrists.
3. Requirements for subspecialty/focused area of practice recognition.

The Committee extends its thanks to those who participated in the listening session and those

who submitted written comments concerning these topics.

The committee met via videoconference in November and December 2023 and will meet in person in late January 2024 to continue the document revision process. Visit www.cpme.org/specialty-certifying-boards/cpme-220-and-230-revisions-in-progress/ for more information.

CPME Residency and Fellowship Document Revisions Implemented

In October 2022, the Council adopted 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*. The Council held multiple training sessions for program directors and on-site evaluators during the first half of 2023, and the revised documents went into effect July 2023.

In October 2022, the Council approved revisions to CPME 820, *Standards and Requirements for Approval of Podiatric Fellowships*, and CPME 830, *Procedures for Approval of Podiatric Fellowships*. These revisions went into effect July 2023.

CPME Continuing Education Document Revisions: CPME 720 and CPME 730

The CE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee met for the first time on 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 also met virtually in January and February 2023; in person in March; virtually in May, July, and August; and in person in September. The Committee will meet again in January and March 2024 to continue the document revision process. Visit www.cpme.org/cerevisions for more information.

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 2023 meetings:

April 2023 Meeting

Des Moines University College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery – 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 – 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.

October 2023 Meeting

Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University – CPME voted to change the accreditation status of the Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University to accreditation with monitoring and cited an area of noncompliance concerning Standard 6B, Maximum Enrollment.

Samuel Merritt University College of Podiatric Medicine – CPME voted to change the accreditation status of the Samuel Merritt University College of Podiatric Medicine to accreditation with monitoring as the College remains in noncompliance with Standard 1B, Strategic Planning; Standard 5B, Faculty Size; and Standard 5D, Faculty Policies.

Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine – CPME voted to change the accreditation status of the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine to accreditation with monitoring and determined that the School remains in noncompliance with Standard 1D, Ongoing Evaluation Process and Standard 4E, Clinical Sciences; and Standard 6E Services.

See the “Accreditation Actions” listed under each college at www.cpme.org/cpme100 for greater detail.

Residency Programs

The RRC is a collaborative effort of CPME-recognized specialty boards, the Council of Teaching Hospitals 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 during 2023 RRC and CPME meetings, and through e-ballots and conference calls can be found at www.cpme.org/residencies/approval-actions/.

During 2023, the Council and RRC conducted virtual and on-site evaluations of 39 new and approved residency programs. As of December 2023, the Council had authorized 621 first-year residency positions.

Continuing Education Providers

The 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 actions taken during 2023 CEC and CPME meetings, and through e-ballots and conference calls can be found at www.cpme.org/continuing-education/approval-actions/.

As of December 2023, the Council has approved 55 providers of continuing education in podiatric medicine.

Fellowships

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

Fellowship actions taken during 2023 RRC and CPME meetings, and through e-ballots and conference calls can be found at www.cpme.org/residencies/approval-actions/.

During 2023, the Council and RRC conducted virtual on-site evaluations of 3 new and approved fellowship programs. As of December 2023, the Council had authorized 27 first-year fellowship positions at 18 CPME approved fellowships.

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 January 2023 meeting, the SBRC conducted a review of the annual reports submitted by ABFAS and ABPM.

Collaborative Residency Evaluator Committee

The CREC met on December 2, 2023, in San Antonio, TX, for its annual winter meeting. The Committee reviewed post-onsite feedback forms from evaluation team chairs and identified five evaluators eligible for promotion to residency evaluation team chair. In addition, the Committee reviewed edits to its Pre-Workshop Training Modules and agreed to host a new residency evaluator training workshop on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at a location to be determined.

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 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 five 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.

The next comprehensive CHEA recognition review is scheduled for 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 promote 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.

2023 Residency and Fellowship On-Site Evaluations

Program	Location	Approval Category	On-Site Date
AdventHealth East Orlando	FL	PMSR/RRA	22-Sep
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center and Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science PMSR/RRA	IL	PMSR/RRA	19-May
Ascension St. Vincent Hospital Indianapolis	IN	PMSR/RRA	31-Mar
Atlanta VA Fellowship	GA	Fellowship	14-Apr
Aultman Alliance Community Hospital	OH	PMSR/RRA	31-Mar
Boston University Medical Center	MA	PMSR/RRA	22-Sep
Charlie Norwood Veterans Affairs Medical Center	GA	PMSR/RRA	17-Nov
Heritage Valley Beaver	PA	PMSR/RRA	17-Nov
Hoboken University Medical Center	NJ	PMSR/RRA	12-Jun
Hunt Regional Medical Center	TX	PMSR/RRA	10-Mar
Jackson North Medical Center	FL	PMSR/RRA	1-May
Jamaica Hospital Medical Center	NY	PMSR/RRA	3-Nov
Jersey Shore University Medical Center	NJ	PMSR/RRA	12-May
Kaiser Permanente Medical Center – Vallejo	CA	PMSR/RRA	8-Dec
Kent Hospital	RI	PMSR/RRA	12-May
Legacy Health	OR	PMSR/RRA	2-Jun
Long Beach Memorial Medical Center	CA	PMSR/RRA	3-Nov
Long Island Jewish/North Shore at Northwell Health	NY	PMSR/RRA	5-May
Loyola University Medical Center	IL	PMSR/RRA	17-Nov
Mercy Health - St. Vincent Medical Center	OH	PMSR/RRA	16-Oct
Miami VA Healthcare System	FL	PMSR/RRA	12-May
Montefiore Mount Vernon Hospital	NY	PMSR/RRA	20-Oct
OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center	IL	PMSR/RRA	5-May
Phoenixville Hospital	PA	PMSR/RRA	19-May
Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center	CO	PMSR/RRA	26-May
Roxborough Memorial Hospital	PA	PMSR/RRA	15-Jun
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center	CT	PMSR/RRA	20-Oct
Saint Joseph's Medical Center	NY	PMSR/RRA Fellowship	1-Dec 25-Aug
Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego	CA	PMSR/RRA	2-Jun
Staten Island University Hospital at Northwell Health	NY	PMSR/RRA	7-Apr

SUNY Downstate Medical Center - University Hospital of Brooklyn	NY	PMSR/RRA	17-Nov
The Jewish Hospital - Mercy Health	OH	PMSR/RRA	5-May
Trinitas Regional Medical Center	NJ	PMSR/RRA	17-Nov
Tucson Medical Center and Midwestern University Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine - REMOTE	AZ	PMSR/RRA	15-Dec
United Health Services Hospitals, Inc.	NY	PMSR/RRA	27-Oct
University Hospitals Community Consortium	OH	PMSR/RRA	6-Oct
UPMC Medical Education Harrisburg	PA	PMSR/RRA	25-May
Veterans Affairs New York Harbor Health Care System	NY	PMSR/RRA	1-Dec
VA Puget Sound Healthcare System	WA	Fellowship	17-Oct
Weiss Memorial Hospital	IL	PMSR/RRA	3-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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