# May 2025 CPME Report

**Collaborative** Residency Residencies General Accreditation Continuing **Publication** and **Evaluator** Actions Education Updates Updates **Fellowships** Committee (CREC)

The Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME or Council) held its spring meeting on May 3, 2025. The recommendations emanating from council committees, which completed their deliberations at meetings and conference calls held from February–May, constitute the majority of each CPME agenda and include the review of site visit reports and progress reports from the colleges of podiatric medicine. The Specialty Board Recognition Committee (SBRC) held its meeting in February. The Continuing Education Committee (CEC) and the Residency Review Committee (RRC) held their meetings in March, and the Accreditation Committee, Budget Planning Committee, and Executive Committee met in May.



#### Future CPME Meeting Dates:

2025: October 17-18

2026: April 25 and October 16-172027: April 17 and October 29-302028: April 29 and October 27-28

CPME has begun offering virtual options for nonexecutive sessions of CPME and committee meetings. Registration links will be posted on the CPME website 6 weeks prior to a meeting for guests and/or observers to register in advance and indicate whether attendance will be in-person or virtual.

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#### **Council Elections and Appointments**

The council elected its officers to be effective at the close of its October 2025 meeting. Dr. Alyssa Stephenson of Phoenix, AZ was elected chair, and Dr. Steven Vyce of New Haven, CT was elected vice chair.

- 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, residency, and fellowship evaluator, and as chair of the CEC and SBRC.
- Steven Vyce, DPM serves as chief, Department of Podiatric Surgery and Medicine, Yale-New Haven Medical Center in New Haven, CT. Dr. Vyce serves as a CPME residency and fellowship evaluator and as chair of the RRC.

After 11 years of service on various committees and the council, including the past four years as chair of the Accreditation Committee, Dr. Eric Stamps retired from the council on May 3, 2025. In the interim, Dr. Jonathan Labovitz will serve in his place as an administrator representative until elections are held at the council's October 2025 meeting. Additionally, Dr. Melanie Violand has been appointed as the new chair of the Accreditation Committee.

- Jonathan Labovitz, DPM, serves as dean at the Western University of Health Sciences, College of Podiatric Medicine in Pomona, CA.
- Melanie Violand, DPM, serves as the associate dean at the Midwestern University Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine in Glendale, AZ.

#### At-large Member Positions Open on the Council

The Council on Podiatric Medical Education's Nominating Committee is seeking applications for the at-large and public member positions on the council. CPME will hold a closed-ballot election to fill the positions at its October 2025 meeting. The positions are for a three-year term renewable up to three consecutive terms.

Individuals seeking election to the at-large positions on the council **must describe in writing how they satisfy at** least two of the following criteria:

- Have been active for a period of at least two years as a director of an approved podiatric residency, fellowship, or provider of continuing education.
- Have been active for a period of at least two years as an academic administrator or a fulltime faculty member at a CPME-accredited college of podiatric medicine.
- Have demonstrated leadership within the profession or distinguished himself/herself/themself as a practitioner.
- Have served actively on one of the council's committees for a minimum of one full term.
- Have served on at least one CPME onsite evaluation team to a college of podiatric medicine, or three CPME on-site evaluation teams to residency programs, fellowship programs, or continuing education providers.

The applicant must demonstrate qualifications and experience in at least one of the following areas of need:

- Academic—someone currently or recently directly engaged in a significant manner in postsecondary education and/or research.
- Administrator—someone currently or recently directly engaged in a significant manner in a postsecondary podiatric medical program or institutional administration.
- Educator—someone currently or recently directly engaged in a significant manner in an academic capacity at an accredited college of podiatric medicine who may not be an academic dean.
- Practitioner—someone directly engaged in a significant manner in the practice of podiatric medicine.
- Public Member—public members must not have a significant relationship (either direct or indirect) with podiatric medical organizations or podiatric medical educational institutions. These individuals shall have no vested interest in or financial relationship to the podiatric medical profession.

In addition to the requirements outlined above, the candidate is encouraged to describe other podiatric and nonpodiatric experiences they have that strengthen the submission.

Individuals seeking election to the council must submit a curriculum vitae and an application letter **that addresses both the requirements and the area of need** to <u>hstagliano@cpme.org</u>. Applications received after **June 15** will not be considered.

#### **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.

#### **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 reflects a commitment to a broad representation and respect within its member institutions, board and staff, representatives, and all who are served by these groups.

### **GENERAL UPDATES**

#### **Release of the CPME Conflicts of Interest List**

As part of its commitment to transparency and integrity, CPME requires all council members, committee members, evaluators, consultants, and staff to annually disclose any potential conflicts of interest. These disclosures help ensure that decisions related to the accreditation and oversight of programs, institutions, and organizations are made objectively and without bias.

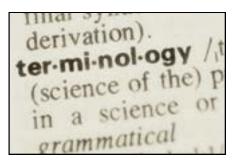
A conflict of interest may arise when an individual has a personal, professional, or financial relationship, current or within the past five years, with an entity under CPME's jurisdiction. Conflicts include serving in a leadership position within the past five years within the profession as defined as one holding a position on the board of directors, serving as a committee chair, employment, or any other position that calls into question the council member's ability to fairly perform their duties. In such cases, individuals must recuse themselves from all related discussions, decisions, and voting activities.

Serving as a volunteer within the profession, such as serving on a committee of an organization such as APMA, COTH, ACFAS, ACPM, ABPM, ABFAS, NBPME, as a part of case review, or as an exam writer, would not be considered conflicts.

The list of conflicts of interest can be found <u>here</u>.

#### **Terminology Changes**

The council officially updated the terminology used for committee activities, changing "CPME-approved" to "CPME-accredited" for the RRC and the CEC, while retaining "CPME-recognized" for the SBRC. This change will take effect on July 1, 2025. The Accreditation Committee will continue to use the "CPME-accredited" terminology.

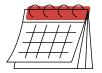


### **ACCREDITATION ACTIONS**

For greater detail concerning the council's May 2025 accreditation actions, click on the "Accreditation Actions" link under each college's listing at <a href="http://www.cpme.org/cpme100">www.cpme.org/cpme100</a>. CPME took the following accreditation actions at its May 2025 meeting:

- Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine—At its May 2025 meeting, CPME elected, based on an on-site evaluation, to extend accreditation through April 2033.
- LECOM School of Podiatric Medicine—At its May 2025 meeting, CPME elected, based on an on-site evaluation, to grant preaccreditation status to the LECOM School of Podiatric Medicine as there are no identified concerns or areas of noncompliance with accreditation standards or requirements.

- New York College of Podiatric Medicine of Touro University—At its May 2025 meeting, CPME elected, based on a focused evaluation visit, to affirm that the substantive change in ownership procedures has been completed for the New York College of Podiatric Medicine of Touro University. NYCPM of Touro University is scheduled for a required site visit by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in June 2025 before the acquisition is finalized.
- **Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine**—At its May 2025 meeting, CPME voted to extend accreditation through April 2031 as the school is in compliance with all accreditation standards and demonstrated full compliance within one year of the comprehensive evaluation decision.



#### **Future Meetings of the Accreditation Committee**

2025: October 15-16
2026: April 23-24 and October 14-15
2027: April 15-16 and October 27-28
2028: April 27-28 and October 25-26

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

#### **Approval as a Provider**

California Podiatric Medical Association Cine-Med Midwest Podiatry Conference Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine The University of Texas Health San Antonio, Joe R. & Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine West Penn Hospital Western University of Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine

#### Approval with report as a Provider

Alabama Podiatric Medical Association American Board of Podiatric Medicine American College of Foot & Ankle Surgeons American Podiatric Medical Association Midwestern University Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine Biomechanical Institute Civic Hospital Resident Alumni Association Data Trace Publishing Company Florida Podiatric Medical Association Massachusetts Foot & Ankle Society Missouri Podiatric Medical Association New Jersey Podiatric Medical Society Ohio Foot and Ankle Medical Foundation

#### Probationary Approval (Candidate for withdrawal, effective October 2025)

American Society of Podiatric Surgeons

#### **Voluntarily Terminated**

American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Foot and Ankle Surgery Academy

#### **CEC Recommendations Approved by CPME**

The council *approved* the following changes to the petition schedule.

- Move Georgia Podiatric Medical Association from September 2026 to March 2027
- Move the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners from September 2027 to March 2028
- Move William L. Goldfarb Foundation and Wisconsin Podiatric Medical Association from March 2028 to September 2028
- Move PRESENT e-learning Systems and Tennessee Podiatric Medical Association from September 2028 to March 2029

The council *approved* a change to requirement 5.2.

Former language for requirement 5.2: If the provider designates funds from a commercial interest for an individual lecture and/or workshop, no CECH or CME credit may be awarded, and the following stipulations apply:

- The schedule must state that no CECH or CME credit will be awarded for the individual component
- The commercial interest may be named if no logo is used and the name is in the same font style, point size, and color as the rest of the educational program publication(s)

Updated language for requirement 5.2: If the provider designates funds from a commercial interest for a lecture, workshop, and/or track, no CECH or CME credit may be awarded, unless it is disclosed to learners that the provider has made the decision to support that aspect of the activity using those funds.

• The provider must maintain a verifiable mechanism of the disclosure to the learner.

The council *approved* the changes to Appendix C - Sources of Gap Analysis (bullet point 5). Former language for Appendix C - Sources of Gap Analysis (bullet point 5): Gaps can be identified using the following tools:

• Expert opinions from university or physician leaders who are not involved in the planning of the activity

Updated language for Appendix C - Sources of Gap Analysis (bullet point 5): Gaps can be identified using the following suggested tools:

• Expert opinions from hospital, university, or physician leaders

The council *did not approve* the committee's recommendations to leave requirement 6.4 unchanged.

Current 6.4 requirement: The provider shall perform a minimum of one attendance verification every four hours of the continuing education activity.

How to meet this requirement:

The council does not designate the method used for attendance verification. Attendance verification of the learners must be completed on the day of the activity by the provider. The provider must validate attendance prior to issuing documentation of attendance.

#### The council *approved* the following new language for requirement 6.4:

New requirement 6.4: The provider shall have a method to record attendance or verify participation.

How to meet this requirement:

The council does not designate the specific method used to record attendance or verify participation. Suggested methods include:

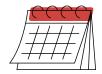
- Attestation
- Sign-In/Sign-Out Sheets
- QR Code Scanning
- Electronic Attendance Systems
- Surveys/Quizzes: Pre/post-session assessments to confirm engagement
- Staff Monitoring: In-person staff verify attendance during the session
- Video/Audio Tracking
- Manual Verification

Tiered Fees for Small Providers of Continuing Education: Following the APMA 2025 House of Delegates meeting, providers of continuing education provided feedback concerning the possibility of a tiered fees system for small providers of continuing education (defined as providers that only offer one CE activity per year). The committee reviewed the current fee schedule and the 2024 list of providers, activities, and joint providers and decided not to make a recommendation to the council at this time. Currently, small state associations and/or organizations have the option of becoming a joint provider with an approved provider of continuing education. The council asked the committee to continue to monitor this issue.

The council approved the implementation of training for continuing education providers. With the newly revised documents set to take effect on July 1, 2025, and considering recent feedback received from the APMA HOD meeting, the committee discussed plans to offer provider workshop(s) multiple times per year. The goal is to establish a structured training approach that supports the long-term objective of enabling participation by providers preparing for an upcoming petition review. The workshops would be open to directors and provider coordinators.

The first Zoom CE Provider Training: *New Continuing Education Documents* is scheduled for June 2, 2025, from 8:00–9:00 pm ET.

The council approved the committee's recommendation of adding attendance at poster abstract presentations to the list in Appendix A.



Future Meetings of the CEC

2025: September 12-13

2026: March 6-7 and September 18-19

2027: March 12-13 and September 17-18

### **RESIDENCIES AND FELLOWSHIPS**

#### Approval as PMSR and/or PMSR/RRA

Adventist Health White Memorial Charlie Norwood Chino Valley Medical Center Christus Saint Patrick Hospital Gundersen Clinic, Ltd. – Gundersen Health System and Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center, Inc. Gundersen Medical Foundation Hackensack Meridian Health Palisades Medical Center HCA Florida Westside Hospital RESIDENCY HealthAlliance Hospital HealthPartners Institute/Regions Hospital Henry Ford Health – Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital Heritage Valley Beaver Jefferson Health Lenox Hill Hospital at Northwell Health Mohawk Valley - Interim progress report Roger Williams Medical Center The Jewish Hospital - Mercy Health UnityPoint Health – Trinity Regional Medical Center

#### Approval as a Fellowship

HCA Florida Westside Hospital

#### Approval with Report as a PMSR/RRA

Ascension St. Vincent Evansville Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Aultman Alliance Community Hospital Brookdale Hospital Medical Center Carl T. Hayden Veterans Affairs Medical Center Central Alabama DVA Christiana Care Health Services Detroit Medical Center HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood Inspira Medical Center Vineland Jackson South Medical Center James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital Jefferson Health Northeast - Progress Report John Peter Smith Hospital Main Line Health Bryn Mawr Hospital Residency Montefiore Mount Vernon Hospital Mount Sinai Medical Center Norton Audubon Hospital NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine **Ochsner Clinic Foundation OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center** Rush University Medical Center Saint Vincent Hospital Salem Veterans Affairs Medical Center Sanford Medical Center - Fargo St. Francis Hospital The Christ Hospital UCI Health Fountain Valley University Hospital Community Consortium Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System

#### Approval with Report as a Fellowship

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

#### Probation as PMSR and/or PMSR/RRA (Candidate for withdrawal, effective July 1, 2026)

Virtua Health Bellevue Hospital Corewell Health – Wayne Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center - Lebanon James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center Keralty Hospital Long Beach Memorial Medical Center Richmond University Medical Center Trinitas Regional Medical Center UCI Health Lakewood Weiss Memorial Hospital

#### **Increase in Positions**

Christiana Care Health Services Reading Hospital

#### **Voluntary Withdrawal of Approval of PMSR and/or PMSR/RRA** (effective July 1, 2025)

Crozier-Chester Hospital (effective immediately) Grant Medical Center OhioHealth LA Downtown Medical Center The Heights Hospital Tucson Medical Center and Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University VA New York Harbor Health Care System West Covina Medical Center

#### Withdrawal of Approval of PMSR/RRA (effective July 1, 2025)

Larkin Community Hospital – Palm Springs Campus

#### **RRC Recommendations Approved by CPME**

- The council reviewed the new <u>substantive change forms</u> for programs to submit to CPME as notification of resident resignation, termination or leave of absence, changes in program administration, changes in hospital name, and other substantive changes.
- The council approved the Milestones and the Supplemental Guide for the Use of Milestones. The council determined that training materials should be created related to the use of these Milestones, and that the Milestones will be available concurrently with the training materials.
- Sixty people attended the May 10, 2025 training workshop for program directors and residency coordinators: *Understanding CPME 320 and Getting Ready for the On-site Evaluation*. Twenty-three program directors and 37 coordinators attended this full-day training workshop.
- The council approved a policy to clarify when affiliation agreements are needed within different hospitals owned by the same entity:

For the sake of consistency, the RRC has determined that if the sponsoring institution is a hospital (not a health-care system), the hospital must have an affiliation agreement with all affiliated training sites regardless of the hospital system. If the sponsoring institution is a health-care system, affiliation agreements are not needed with hospitals within the system.

 The council approved an FAQ document related to work hours that has been posted at <u>www.cpme.org/logging-guidance</u>. The RRC continues to work on memos related to proper logging and is currently working on a memo related to biomechanical examinations. Memos will be posted online and emails will be sent to all program directors, coordinators, and evaluators when new guidance memos are available.

• The council approved posting suggested competencies for various podiatric fellowships on the CPME website for fellowship program directors to use as a resource.

#### **Appointment of Committee Members**

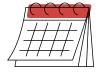
Dr. Harry Schneider was reappointed to the RRC as the CPME representative.

#### **Residency and Fellowship Visits – Invitation for Comments**

As part of the residency and fellowship approval process, CPME conducts evaluations of new programs and reevaluations of approved programs. Each fall and spring, CPME meets to determine approval decisions. At its fall meeting, the council reviews programs visited during the previous spring on-site evaluation cycle, and at its spring meeting, the council reviews programs visited during the previous fall on-site evaluation cycle. To review the programs currently scheduled for on-site evaluation, visit <u>www.cpme.org/onsiteschedule</u>. The council updates the list as evaluation dates are confirmed.

The council's residency and fellowship approval process includes consideration of third-party comments concerning an institution's qualifications for either provisional or continued approval. Comments must be received 15 days prior to the program's scheduled site visit date. All third-party comments must be signed. Comments are forwarded to the evaluation team, and anonymously to the program director for response, if appropriate, prior to the visit.

Please submit third-party comments for programs to be reviewed to: Bertus Tempelhoff, CPME assistant director, at <a href="https://www.bertup.org">https://www.bertup.org</a>.



#### Future Meetings of the RRC

2025: September 19-20

2026: March 19-21 and September 24-26

An extra day was added to each meeting for the interim review of CPME 320, 330, 820, and 830.

### **CREC UPDATES**

CREC held the *New Evaluator Training Workshop* on May 10, 2025, in Chicago for newly approved residency and fellowship on-site evaluators. Ten evaluators representing ABFAS and ABPM participated in the training.

#### Become a CPME Residency Program Evaluator

One of the most important components of the CPME residency approval process is the site visit. The site visit is a peer-review process that helps to enhance the quality of education by assessing a program's compliance with CPME standards and requirements. CPME is committed to ensuring each evaluator possesses appropriate

experience and skills essential to the evaluation process. CPME residency evaluators must be certified by one or both of the specialty boards recognized by the CPME and should be either program directors or active faculty members of CPME-approved residencies.

Prior to participating as a member of a team, evaluators complete a training program and are assigned to a team as trainees under the tutelage of the team chair and the specialty board representatives. The council pays all expenses incurred during the site visit and a per diem for each travel and on-site visit day.

Individuals interested in becoming residency evaluators should submit a letter of interest and current curriculum vitae to their certifying board(s). Contact information for the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS) or the American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM), as well as a description of the ABFAS- and ABPM-certified evaluator criteria, can be found at <u>www.cpme.org/residencyevaluators</u>.

Please feel free to provide this information to interested and qualified individuals within and outside of your institution or organization.

## **PUBLICATION UPDATES**

### CPME PUBLICATIONS 120 AND 130: DOCUMENTS UNDER REVISION (COLLEGES OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE)

Every six years, the council conducts a comprehensive review of its standards, requirements, and procedures related to its evaluation activities. The Accreditation Ad Hoc Committee held its first meeting on April 3, 2025, followed by a meeting on May 14, 2025, where members reviewed input from communities of interest submitted via surveys and comment letters. The committee will now begin drafting the first version of the revised CPME 120, Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine, and CPME 130, Procedures for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine. The committee plans to meet monthly to complete this work.

#### CPME PUBLICATIONS 220 AND 230: DOCUMENTS ADOPTED (SPECIALTY BOARDS)

In March 2021, the APMA House of Delegates approved a resolution to designate the Joint Committee on the Recognition of Specialty Boards (JCRSB) as a standing committee of the council. In response, CPME adopted amendments to its Bylaws at its October 2021 and April 2022 meetings to align with the APMA action. These changes officially established the JCRSB as a standing committee and restructured its representation.

To reflect this change, CPME renamed the JCRSB to the Specialty Board Recognition Committee (SBRC). As part of the transition, the committee's governing documents—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)—required revision to reflect the new structure.

An Ad Hoc Advisory Committee began reviewing these documents in fall 2022. Over the course of 18 months, the committee held 13 meetings. In April 2024, the committee submitted Draft I of CPME 220 and 230, along with new supporting documents: CPME 209a and 209b (Eligibility Requirements and Initial Recognition Applications)

and CPME 209c (Subspecialty Certification Proposal). CPME approved Draft I of all five documents during a special meeting on May 13, 2024, and opened a 60-day public comment period ending July 15, 2024.

At its October 2024 meeting, the council reviewed initial feedback from the community of interest. Due to the volume of responses, CPME extended its review into the fall and scheduled a follow-up videoconference for December 11, 2024, to determine next steps.

Following a thorough review of the submitted comments, the council adopted the finalized versions of CPME 220, 230, 209a, 209b, and 209c at its May 3, 2025, meeting. These documents are now in effect.

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Stagliano, CPME's executive director, at <u>hstagliano@cpme.org</u>.

CPME extends its sincere thanks to the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee members for their dedication, hard work, and invaluable contributions throughout this process. Their efforts have played a critical role in advancing the standards for specialty board certification in podiatric medicine.

#### CPME PUBLICATIONS 720 AND 730: FINAL DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED (CONTINUING EDUCATION)

CPME adopted the revised 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, at its October 2024 meeting. The newly approved documents were disseminated and posted to the CPME website on March 12, 2025, and will take effect on July 1, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Saylor, CPME associate director, at <u>ssaylor@cpme.org</u>.

The council extends its sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to the CE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee members for their hard work, dedication, and outstanding contributions throughout this lengthy process. Their commitment to excellence and the advancement of continuing education in podiatric medicine has been invaluable.

#### SBRC Ad Hoc Committee

Kieran Mahan, DPM (chair)
Kathy Kreiter (ABFAS representative)
Gina Painter, DPM (ABPM representative)
Lawrence Ramunno, MD, MPH, MBA (health-care representative)
James Sang, DPM (double-boarded practitioner)
Kara Schmitt, PhD (psychometrician member)
Harry Schneider, DPM (representing CPME)
Melanie Violand, DPM (representing CPME)
James Christina, DPM (ex-officio member)
Keith Cook, DPM (ex-officio member)
Alyssa Stephenson, DPM (ex-officio member)

#### **Continuing Education Ad Hoc Committee**

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