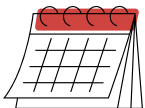


October 2025 CPME Report



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

The Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME or the Council) held its fall meeting on October 17–18, 2025. Most agenda items were based on recommendations from Council committees that met between September and October, including reviews of annual and progress reports from the colleges of podiatric medicine. The Nominating Committee met in July and August; the Continuing Education Committee and Residency Review Committee met in September; and the Accreditation, Budget Planning, and Executive Committees met in October.



Future CPME Meeting Dates:

2026: April 25 and October 16-17

2027: April 17 and October 29-30

2028: April 29 and October 27-28

CPME offers virtual options for non-executive sessions of CPME and committee meetings. Registration links are 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 virtually.

GENERAL UPDATES

CPME Positions 2026

Currently, there are no positions open for election at the Council's October 2026 meeting.

Fee Schedule Updates

The CPME approved a change to the fee schedule for colleges and residency and fellowship programs to apply a \$5,000 fee for focused site visits. Institutions will be billed for any additional costs above \$5,000 following the focused site visit.

CPME Policy on the Use of Artificial Intelligence

The Council approved a policy on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) by CPME volunteers, staff, and institutions, clarifying that institutions are responsible for the accuracy of any information presented to CPME within their reports.

CPME Statement on CAQs

The Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) is responsible for the specialty board and subspecialty certification approval and recognition process on behalf of the podiatric medical profession. The CPME does not recognize, accredit, or approve any Certificates of Added Qualifications (CAQs) within its policies and procedures for specialty board recognition. CAQs are not equivalent to board certification or subspecialty certification, nor can they lead to certification or subspecialty certification in any specific content area. CPME's position on CAQs remains unchanged and consistent with its longstanding practice. Recent revisions to the CPME 220 Standards and Requirements and the CPME 230 Procedures do not alter this position.

Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Recognition

On July 28, 2025, Drs. Marcoux, Violand, and Stagliano appeared before CHEA's Committee on Recognition to defend CPME's petition for continued recognition. The Committee on Recognition submitted their recognition decision to the CHEA Board of Directors who met on September 29, 2025. Following the Board's meeting, CPME was notified that the CHEA BOD accepted the Committee on Recognition's recommendation and granted recognition to APMA-CPME for the fullest term of seven (7) years with no issues or follow up.

"At its meeting on September 29, 2025, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Board of Directors reviewed the recommendation of the CHEA Committee on Recognition regarding the application for continuing CHEA Recognition of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA-CPME).

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors accepted the Committee's recommendation and granted recognition to APMA-CPME. The APMA-CPME CHEA-Recognized scope of accreditation is as follows:

The Council on Podiatric Medical Education accredits institutions and programs leading to the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) degree in the United States and its territories. (2004)"

CPME ELECTIONS 2025

At the October 2025 CPME meeting, Drs. Alyssa Stephenson and Steven Vyce were installed as chair and vice chair, respectively, of the Council.

- Alyssa Stephenson, DPM is a podiatrist at the Carl T. Hayden Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Stephenson serves as a college site visit evaluator and previously served as chair of the Continuing Education Committee and the Specialty Board Recognition Committee.
- Steven Vyce, DPM, is the Chair and Residency Program Director for the Department of Podiatric Surgery and Medicine at Yale-New Haven Medical Center in New Haven, Connecticut. Dr. Vyce serves as a residency site visit evaluator and as chair of the Residency Review Committee.

Of the well-qualified candidates considered for the at-large and public member positions, the Council elected the following individuals: Drs. Harry Schneider and Steven Vyce, each to a third three-year term as at-large and academic members; Dr. Jonathan Labovitz to a three-year term as an at-large and administrator member; Dr. Laura Sansosti to a three-year term as an at-large and educator/non-administrator member; Dr. Paul Di Liddo to a three-year term as an at-large and practitioner member; Dr. Jennifer Mathews to a third three-year term as a public member; and Ms. Amanda Soelle to a second three-year term as a public member.

- Harry P. Schneider, DPM is the Residency Program Director at Cambridge Health Alliance in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Dr. Schneider serves as a member of the Residency Review Committee, the Specialty Board Recognition Committee, the Collaborative Residency Evaluation Committee, and as a college and residency site visit evaluator.
- Jonathan Labovitz, DPM is the dean of the Western University of Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine in Pomona, California. Dr. Labovitz is a member of the Accreditation Committee and was approved by the Council in July 2025 to serve as chair of the Accreditation Committee and in May 2025 to the Council on an interim basis to fill the vacant administrator position until the official election in October 2025. Dr. Labovitz also serves as a college site visit evaluator.
- Laura Sansosti, DPM is the Assistant Dean for Educational Affairs at the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Sansosti previously served as a member of the Accreditation Committee and was approved by the Council at its October 2025 meeting to serve on the Continuing Education Committee.
- Paul Di Liddo, DPM is the Residency Program Director at Henry Ford Health – Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital in Saint Clair Shores, Michigan. Dr. Di Liddo serves as a college and residency site visit evaluator and as a member of the Accreditation Committee.
- Jennifer Mathews, PhD is the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness and Chief Assessment Officer at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York. Dr. Mathews currently serves as a member of the Accreditation Committee, as chair of the College Rewrite Ad Hoc Committee, and as a college evaluator.
- Amanda Soelle is the CEO of AJS Consulting in Madison, Wisconsin. Ms. Soelle currently serves as a member of the Continuing Education Committee and at the Council's October 2025 meeting was approved to serve as the chair of the Continuing Education Committee.

Other CPME Committee Appointments

Susan Stapleton, PhD was approved by the Council to serve as the chair of the Specialty Board Recognition Committee. Dr. Stapleton is a research professor in the Department of Chemistry at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Dr. Stapleton also serves as a member of the Accreditation Committee and as a college evaluator.

A subcommittee has been established to complete subspecialty application reviews as written in CPME 230 and CPME 209c. The following individuals from the Specialty Board Recognition Committee have been approved by the Council to serve on this SBRC Subcommittee:

- Judith Beto, PhD (psychometrician)
- Tiffany Murano, MD (health-care community representative)
- James Sang, DPM (ABPM and ABFAS certified practitioner)

COLLEGE ACCREDITATION ACTIONS

Final college accreditation actions

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

- **Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine**—At its October 2025 meeting, CPME voted to extend accreditation through October 2032 voted to change the accreditation status to **accreditation**, from accreditation with monitoring status, as the school is in compliance with all accreditation standards and demonstrated full compliance within one year of the comprehensive evaluation decision.
- **Samuel Merritt University College of Podiatric Medicine**—At its October 2025 meeting, CPME voted to change the college's accreditation status to **accreditation with monitoring** as the college has been cited with an area of noncompliance related to Standard 2E, Reporting to CPME. In addition, CPME approved the college's substantive change requests related to a change in the way student progress is measured as the university has moved to **trimesters** and the substantive change related to the move to a **new campus location** with no further information required. The move is anticipated in January 2026, and the next comprehensive site visit is scheduled for spring/summer 2027. The required focused site visit to assess the new college location will be scheduled in 2026.
- **University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Podiatric Medicine**—At its October 2025 meeting, the Council voted to not grant accreditation to the UTRGV SOPM and instead determined that preaccreditation will extend for one additional year as there are substantial noncompliance issues that the Accreditation Committee and Council determined could be resolved within a relatively limited period of time. The Council determined that two accreditation standards are in noncompliance (Standards 3B Chief Academic Officer and 4F Curricular Evaluation). Based on this decision, the Council determined that a focused on-site visit is required to assess compliance before accreditation may be granted and this visit will take place November 10-11, 2025, with an accreditation decision in late 2025/very early 2026.

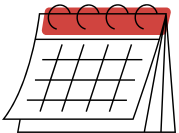
Upcoming College Site Visits 2025 and 2026 and Invitation for Third-Party Comment

In accordance with the Council's procedures, interested individuals or institutions are invited to submit third-party comments with respect to the compliance of the schools listed below 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://cpme.org/cpme120).

- The **New York College of Podiatric Medicine (NYCPM) of Touro University** is scheduled for a reaccreditation on-site visit February 2-5, 2026. Third-party comments concerning the NYCPM of Touro University are due by December 15, 2025.
- The **Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) School of Podiatric Medicine** is scheduled for a comprehensive on-site evaluation to determine accreditation June 15-18, 2026. Third-party comments concerning the LECOM SPM are due by May 1, 2026.
- The **Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University** is scheduled for a reaccreditation on-site visit November 2-5, 2026. Third-party comments concerning the college are due by September 15, 2026.
- A focused site visit to assess the substantive change related to a change in the campus location of the **Samuel Merritt University College of Podiatric Medicine** will be scheduled in 2026 or within one year of the move. Third-party comments concerning the college will be due approximately six weeks before the site visit.

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 Council on Podiatric Medical Education, hstagliano@cpme.org.



Future Meetings of the Accreditation Committee

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

Final accreditation actions of the Continuing Education Committee and Council

Call for Third-Party Comment for Upcoming Petition Review

With the implementation of the revised CPME 730, Procedures for Approval of Continuing Education Providers in Podiatric Medicine, effective January 2026, the Council will introduce an opportunity for individuals or organizations to submit written comments regarding a provider's qualifications for approval.

Notices of upcoming reviews will be published on www.cpme.org. Each notice will specify the deadline for submitting public comments.

Public comments may be submitted anonymously, must specifically address the provider under review, and must be received no later than 60 days before the next Continuing Education Committee (CEC) meeting. All comments will be forwarded to the CEC and to the director of continuing education, if appropriate, for review, response, and appropriate action.

New Online Reports

The first of three continuing education reports has been converted into an online form and is available through the CPME portal. Provider petitions scheduled for review by the CEC in March 2026 will be the first required to complete and submit the new online petition report.

The next step will be to transition the annual report and application into online formats. Making all reports accessible through the CPME portal will enhance efficiency by streamlining submission and review processes for providers, staff, and the CEC.

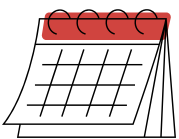
Report on the June 2, 2025, Provider Training

With the approval of the CEC and Council chairs, a Zoom training session on the updated continuing education documents (effective July 1, 2025) was held on June 2nd with more than 70 registrants in attendance. A voice-over PowerPoint presentation along with revised sample forms, templates, and a summary of questions and answers from the session has been uploaded to the CPME website.

The CEC will work toward developing a structured training framework, with the long-term goal of making participation mandatory for providers preparing for an upcoming petition review.

Appointment of Committee Members

- Ms. Amanda Soelle was approved to serve as the chair of the Continuing Education Committee.
- Dr. Laura Sansosti was approved to serve on the CEC as a CPME representative.
- Dr. Ebony Love's (provider representative) second and final CEC term was extended to February 2029.
- Ms. Samantha Luebbering (provider representative) was approved to serve on the CEC. Her first term is October 2025 through October 2028.



Future Meetings of the Continuing Education Committee

2026: March 6-7 and September 18-19

2027: March 12-13 and September 17-18

RESIDENCIES AND FELLOWSHIPS

Final accreditation actions of the Residency Review Committee and Council

Residency Review Committee (RRC) Recommendations Approved by CPME

- The Council approved conducting a Program Director and Coordinator Training Workshop in 2026 following the success of the May 2025 training workshop. The date and links to register will be posted on the CPME homepage (www.cpme.org) under the Residencies tab.
- The Residency Review Committee (RRC) will conduct live, virtual presentations following the release of any logging guidance document. Logging guidance memos are posted at [Logging Guidance – Council on Podiatric Medical Education](#)
- The RRC has created two subcommittees to provide guidance on the following:
 - Requirements for the medical imaging rotation when a hospital radiologist works full-time from home
 - Guidance on what constitutes a comprehensive history and physical examination
- **Milestones:** At its May 2025 meeting, the Council on Podiatric Medical Education approved Optional Podiatric Milestones and a corresponding Supplemental Guide created by the Milestones Pilot Project Committee. The Council accepted the recommendation of the Committee to release these resources concurrently with training resources for program directors and clinical competency committee members.

Milestones Training will take place virtually via Zoom on the following dates:

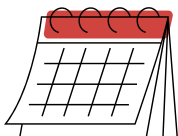
- Wednesday, November 19, 7pm EST
- Wednesday, December 17, 7pm EST

The Optional Podiatric Milestones and Supplemental Guide will be released to program directors who attend one of the Milestones Training events. Registration links are posted on the CPME website (www.cpme.org) on the homepage and under the Residencies tab.

Appointment of RRC Members

- Dr. Gary M. Rothenberg was appointed to the RRC as an American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM) representative. His first term is August 2025 through July 2028.
- Dr. James Sang's (ABPM representative) second and final RRC term was extended to May 31, 2026.
- The second term of Dr. Aksone Nouvong, representing the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS), was extended to September 30, 2026. This is Dr. Nouvong's final term on the RRC.

The term extensions were approved to stagger the start of the terms of new committee members.



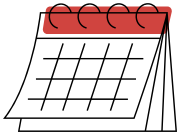
Future Meetings of the RRC

2026: March 19-21 and September 24-26 - An extra day was added to each meeting for the interim review of CPME 320, CPME 330, CPME 820, and CPME 830.

2027: March 19-20 and September 24-25

CREC UPDATES

CREC held a virtual “Evaluator Best Practices” Workshop on September 8, 2025. Seventy (70) volunteers joined the session and reviewed common areas of noncompliance and updates to the evaluator process.



Future Meetings of the CREC

2025: December 6 - Nashville, Tennessee

PUBLICATION UPDATES

Rewrite of the College Documents: CPME 120, Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine, CPME 130, Procedures for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine, and CPME 109, Eligibility Requirements

Every six years, CPME undertakes a comprehensive review of its standards, requirements, and procedures governing evaluation activities. As part of this process, CPME conducted a 60-day survey of the podiatric community of interest beginning in November 2024 to gather input on key elements of these documents. The survey served to establish baseline information for consideration during the revision process.

An Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, composed of representatives from organizations within the community of interest, was convened to lead the review and revision of CPME 120, CPME 130, and CPME 109. The committee met four times, both virtually and in person, beginning in spring 2025. Upon completion of its work, the committee approved the draft revisions in September 2025, determining that the documents were ready for Council review. At its October 2025 meeting, the Council approved Draft I of CPME 120, CPME 130, and CPME 109 for dissemination and comment.

The revised documents are being prepared for release to the community of interest for the required 60-day comment period. They will be disseminated in the coming weeks and posted on the CPME website (www.cpme.org) under the Podiatric Medical Colleges tab. Upon conclusion of the comment period, CPME will review all feedback at its April 2026 meeting to determine next steps in the adoption of the revised documents.

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