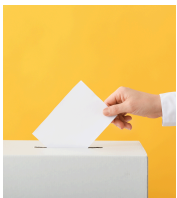


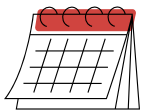
April 2026 CPME Report

CPME Council on Podiatric Medical Education

Elections	College Accreditation Actions	Continuing Education	Residencies and Fellowships	Collaborative Residency Evaluator Committee (CREC)	Publication Updates
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The Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME or Council) held its spring meeting on April 25, 2026. The recommendations emanating from council committees, which completed their deliberations at meetings and conference calls held from February-April, 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 and Executive Committees met in April.



Future CPME Meeting Dates:

2026: 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 virtual.

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.

CPME 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.

ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

The council elected its officers to be effective at the close of the council's October 2026 meeting: Dr. Alyssa Stephenson of Phoenix, AZ was re-elected chair and Dr. Steven Vyce of New Haven, CT was re-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.
- 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 Residency Review Committee.

CPME Positions 2026

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

Other CPME Committee Appointments

The Council appointed Bret Pasiuk, MD, FASN to serve a first term as a public member on the Specialty Board Recognition Committee to replace Daniel Murphy, MD.

COLLEGE ACCREDITATION ACTIONS

[Final college accreditation actions](#)

For greater detail concerning the April 2026 accreditation actions, click on the "Accreditation Actions" link under each college's listings at www.cpme.org/cpme100. CPME took the following accreditation actions at its April 2026 meeting:

- **New York College of Podiatric Medicine of Touro University** – At its April 2026 meeting, CPME elected, based on an on-site evaluation, to extend accreditation through April 2034.
- **Samuel Merritt University College of Podiatric Medicine** – At its April 2026 meeting, CPME voted to retain the college's accreditation status of accreditation with monitoring as the college has been cited

with an area of noncompliance related to Standard 8C, Assessment of Programmatic Outcomes. Noncompliance with Standard 2E, Reporting to CPME is resolved. The required focused site visit to assess the new college location took place on May 18, 2026. The next comprehensive site visit is scheduled for spring/summer 2027.

Upcoming College Site Visits 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 school 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://www.cpme.org/cpme120).

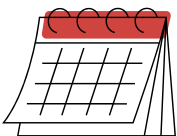
- The **Midwestern University Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine** is scheduled for a reaccreditation on-site visit November 2-5, 2026. Third-party comments concerning Midwestern University Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine are due by September 18, 2026.

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.

Appointment of Committee Member

The Council confirmed Jacqueline Truong, DPM to serve a first term as an educator member to replace Dr. Bryan Caldwell who resigned from the Accreditation Committee on March 31, 2026.



Future Meetings of the Accreditation Committee

2026: 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

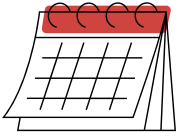
CEC Recommendation Approved by the Council

Providers use standardized language when designating monetary or in-kind contributions given by a commercial interest that are used to pay all or part of the cost of a continuing education activity for clarity and

consistency. A memo will be shared with provider directors and posted on the CPME website in the next few weeks.

Reappointment of Committee Member

The Council confirmed William Yoder, DPM to serve a second term as a practitioner member on the Continuing Education Committee.



Future Meetings of the Continuing Education Committee

2026: September 18-19

2027: March 12-13 and September 17-18

RESIDENCIES AND FELLOWSHIPS

Final accreditation actions of the Residency Review Committee and Council

RRC Recommendations Approved by the Council

- The RRC completed work on a guidance document for program directors outlining the required components and documentation of comprehensive history and physical examinations. This memo will be shared with program directors and posted on the CPME website by the end of June.
- Due to the increasing occurrence of radiologists working from home the CPME approved an alternate pathway for programs to meet the requirement for the required rotation in medical imaging. Programs have the option of providing the required training in Medical Imaging in one of two formats. A detailed memo outlining these options is available on the [CPME website](#).

Appointment of Committee Members

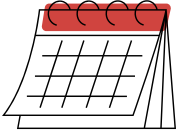
The Council confirmed Timothy Miller, DPM to serve a first term from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2029 as an ABFAS representative on the Residency Review Committee to replace Dr. Aksone Nouvong whose second term ends on September 30, 2026.

Residency and Fellowship Visits – Invitation for Comments

As part of the residency and fellowship approval process, CPME conducts evaluations of new programs and re-evaluations 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, go to [Council's website](#). 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: Briana Santos, CREC & Residency Administrative Coordinator, at bsantos@cpme.org.



Future Meetings of the RRC

2026: 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

The scheduled dates of on-site evaluations of new and approved residencies and fellowships can be found on the [CPME website](#).

CREC UPDATES

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 www.cpme.org/residencyevaluators.

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

PUBLICATION UPDATES

ADOPTION OF 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

The revision of these documents was led by an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, which began their review in spring 2025 and met four times both virtually and in person through fall 2025. CPME approved Draft I of these documents at its October 2025 meeting. A survey to obtain feedback on the Draft I documents was published on December 1, 2025, and was available for the required 60-day comment period. The deadline for survey

feedback was extended to February 15, 2026, and the opportunity to submit any letters of comment was available until March 15, 2026. Following a thorough review of the submitted comments, the council adopted the revised college documents at its April 25, 2026, meeting.

The adopted college documents will be posted on the CPME website (www.cpme.org) in the coming weeks once all edits are completed and will be found under the Podiatric Medical Colleges tab. These documents will take effect July 1, 2026.

All of the proposed revisions were adopted along with a revised maximum enrollment buffer (the CPME-identified maximum can be exceeded by no more than 10% averaged over 3 years). To ensure regulatory compliance, additional revisions and policies were added to both CPME 120 and 130 concerning religious missions, significant growth, preaccreditation, additional locations, and correspondence courses and direct assessment education. A summary of changes to CPME 120 and 130 is posted on the CPME website.

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 podiatric medical education.

College Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

- Jennifer Mathews, PhD (chair); CPME representative
- Bryan Caldwell, DPM, MD: AACPM administrator representative
- Jonathan Labovitz, DPM: CPME representative
- Dalon Paredes, DPM; APMA Young Physician representative
- Kathleen Pyatak-Hugar, DPM; NBPME representative
- Jarrod Smith, DPM; AACPM clinical faculty representative
- Derek Talbot, DC, PhD; AACPM basic science faculty member
- Melanie Violand, DPM; Chair of the Accreditation Committee (ex-officio)
- JT Marcoux, DPM; Chair of CPME (ex-officio)

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