# October 2026 CPME Report

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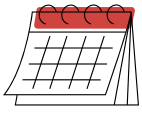









The Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME or the council) held its fall meeting on October 16, 2026. Most agenda items were based on recommendations from council committees that met between September and October, including reviews of annual and progress reports from the colleges of podiatric medicine. The Continuing Education Committee (CEC) and Residency Review Committee (RRC) met in September, and the Accreditation, Budget Planning, and Executive Committees met in October.



**Future CPME Meeting Dates:**

2027: April 17 and October 29-30
2028: April 29 and October 27-28
2029: April 28 and October 19-20
2030: April 27 and October 18-19
2031: April 26 and October 17-18

CPME offers virtual options for non-executive sessions of CPME and committee meetings. Registration links are posted on the CPME website six weeks prior to a meeting for guests and/or observers to register in advance and indicate whether attendance will be in-person or virtual.

# POLICY UPDATES

## Review of CPME Mission Statement and Guiding Principles

In accordance with the CPME bylaws, the Council reviews its mission statement every two years to ensure its continued appropriateness and relevance. During its 2026 review, the Council approved the addition of the word “podiatric” before “graduate education” to clarify the scope of its mission. No other changes were made to the mission statement or guiding principles.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Council is to promote the quality of podiatric 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.

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### CPME Bylaws

Every three years there is a scheduled review of the CPME 900, *Bylaws*. The CPME adopted the revised Bylaws that are available on the CPME homepage and at https://www.cpme.org/bylaws.

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### College Complaint Policy Updated (CPME 925a)

The Council approved a revision to CPME 925a to clarify the procedures for submitting multiple complaints. The revision states: "If a complainant wishes to submit more than one complaint, the same procedures apply. The complainant may separately submit each complaint or combine them into one submission."

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### Probationary Action for Delinquent Fee Payments

The Council established a 90-day timeframe from the initial payment due date before considering probationary action for delinquent fees. Any decision to place a program on probation or remove it from probationary status would require a Council vote, which may occur outside of a regularly scheduled Council meeting to ensure timely action. A statement outlining this process and timeline will be added to the CPME fee schedule.

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### Fee Schedule Updates

The CPME approved changes to the fee schedule for verifications, colleges, residency and fellowship programs, continuing education providers, and specialty boards. The revised fee schedule is available on the CPME homepage within the CPME Policies and Miscellaneous Documents.

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## ELECTIONS 2027

The Council determined that five positions will be open for election at its October 2027 meeting: three at-large positions, one public member position, and one postsecondary educator position. In addition, the Council approved the addition of two new member positions: one practitioner representative and one academic representative. These positions will also be included in the call for candidates in spring 2027, bringing the total number of positions open for election to seven. Additional information will be provided when the application period opens in spring 2027.

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# COLLEGE ACCREDITATION ACTIONS

## Final college accreditation actions

For greater detail concerning the October 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 October 2026 meeting:

- **Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) School of Podiatric Medicine** – At its October 2026 meeting, CPME voted to grant accreditation to the LECOM School of Podiatric Medicine through October 2030 as there are no identified areas of noncompliance with the accreditation standards and requirements.
- **Samuel Merritt University College of Podiatric Medicine** – At its October 2026 meeting, CPME voted to retain the college's accreditation status of accreditation with monitoring as the college remains in noncompliance with Standard 8C, Assessment of Programmatic Outcomes. In addition, the Council elected, based on a focused evaluation visit, to approve the substantive change of the new location of the college with no further follow-up required related to the substantive change. The next comprehensive site visit is scheduled for May 24-27, 2027.
- **Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine** – At its October 2026 meeting, CPME voted to change the school's accreditation status to accreditation with monitoring as the school has been cited with an area of noncompliance related to Standard 1B, Strategic Planning.

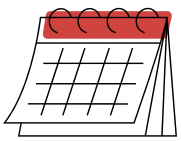
### Upcoming College Site Visits of 2027 and Invitation for Third-Party Comment

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.

- **Samuel Merritt University College of Podiatric Medicine** is scheduled for a reaccreditation on-site visit May 24-27, 2027. Third-party comments concerning Samuel Merritt University College of Podiatric Medicine are due by April 1, 2027.

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**

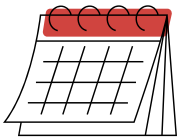
2027: April 15-16 and October 27-28
2028: April 27-28 and October 25-26
2029: April 26-27 and October 17-18
2030: April 25-26 and October 16-17
2031: April 24-25 and October 15-16

# CONTINUING EDUCATION

## Final accreditation actions of the Continuing Education Committee and Council

### Reappointment of Committee Member

Dr. Rosemay Michel was appointed to a second term as a practitioner of the Continuing Education Committee. Dr. Michel's second term will be January 1, 2027 through January 31, 2030.



**Future Meetings of the Continuing Education Committee**

2027: March 5 and September 17-18
2028: March 3-4 and September 15-16
2029: March 9-10 and September 14-15
2030: March 8-9 and September 20-21

# RESIDENCIES AND FELLOWSHIPS

## Final accreditation actions of the Residency Review Committee and Council

### RRC Recommendations Approved by the Council

- An updated policy on Delayed Resident Start Dates and Temporary Position Increases.

### Reappointment of Committee Member

Dr. Bryan Roth was appointed to a second term as an at-large member on the Residency Review Committee. Dr. Roth's second term will be February 1, 2027 through January 31, 2030.

### Interim Review of CPME 320 and 330

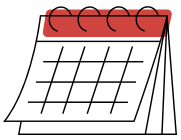
The Council accepted the committee's interim review of CPME 320, *Standards and Requirements for Approval of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residencies* and CPME 330, *Procedures for Approval of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residencies.* The draft documents will be distributed to the community of interest for public comment in January 2027.

### Residency and Fellowship Visits – Invitation for Comments

As part of the residency and fellowship accreditation process, CPME conducts evaluations of new programs and re-evaluations of accredited programs. Each fall and spring, CPME meets to determine accreditation decisions. At its fall meeting, the council reviews programs visited during the previous spring's on-site evaluation cycle, and at its spring meeting, the council reviews programs visited during the previous fall's on-site evaluation cycle. To review the programs currently scheduled for on-site evaluation, go to the www.cpme.org website. The council updates the list as evaluation dates are confirmed.

The council's residency and fellowship accreditation process includes consideration of third-party comments concerning an institution's qualifications for either provisional or continued accreditation. Comments must be received 15 days prior to the program's scheduled site visit date and 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 scheduled to be reviewed to: Briana Santos, CREC and Residency Administrative Coordinator, at bsantos@cpme.org.



**Future Meetings of the RRC**

2027: March 19-20 and September 24-25

2028: March 10-11 and September 15-16

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 best ways to get involved with CPME is to participate in the residency approval process team site visits. 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 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 must 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 per diem for each travel and on-site visit day.

Individuals interested in learning more about CPME's residency evaluator responsibilities, please review the *ABPM and ABFAS-certified evaluator criteria,* which can be found at www.cpme.org/residencyevaluators. Feel free to provide this information to interested and qualified individuals within and outside of your institution or organization.

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