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#### STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

College: Samuel Merritt University College of Podiatric Medicine

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Date of Initial Accreditation: 1922

Accreditation: CPME: October 2022  
WASC Senior College and University Commission: 2021

Maximum Enrollment: 48 (October 2014)

Date of Previous Evaluations: California College of Podiatric Medicine  
September 9-11, 1996 (Focused - CPME)  
March 16-18, 1998 (Comprehensive - CPME)  
January 10-11, 1999 (Focused - CPME)  
California School of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt  
University  
May 29-30, 2002 (Focused with WASC related to merger)  
November 11-13, 2002 (Comprehensive - CPME)  
May 1-3, 2006 (Comprehensive - CPME)  
June 9-12, 2014 (Comprehensive – CPME)  
June 13-16, 2022 (Comprehensive – CPME)

Next Scheduled Site Visit: CPME: spring/summer 2027 (Comprehensive – CPME)  
WASC Senior College and University Commission: 2030

## **Brief History since the Last Comprehensive Evaluation:**

### **October 2022 Council Meeting**

Based on review of the comprehensive report of the evaluation team and the school's written response to the team report, the Council granted accreditation of the California School of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt University through October 2027. A comprehensive on-site re-evaluation may be expected in spring/summer 2027 and a focused visit may be expected in three years (spring/summer 2025) to assess the progress of the school in meeting the required CPME standards. The maximum first-year class enrollment for the college is 48.

Following review of the on-site team report, the Accreditation Committee and the Council determined that the college is in noncompliance with four new standards and requirements (Standard 1B, Strategic Planning; Standard 3D, Professional Staff; Standard 5B, Faculty Size; and Standard 5D, Faculty Policies) and continues with noncompliance with Standard 8C, Programmatic Outcomes from CPME 120, *Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine*. The school is required to submit a progress report for consideration at the April 2023 meetings of the Accreditation Committee and the Council that includes the college's progress in correcting the areas of noncompliance.

Concerning the substantive change request, the Council fully approves the substantive change submitted by the school following the comprehensive site visit in June 2022.

### **April 2023 Council Meeting**

Following the review of the progress report, the Accreditation Committee and the Council determined that the college remains in noncompliance with Standard 1B, Strategic Planning; Standard 3D, Professional Staff; Standard 5B, Faculty Size; and Standard 5D, Faculty Policies and continues with noncompliance with Standard 8C, Programmatic Outcomes from CPME 120, *Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine*. The college is required to submit a progress report for consideration at the October 2023 meetings of the Accreditation Committee and the Council that includes the college's progress in correcting the areas of noncompliance.

### **October 2023 Council Meeting**

Following the review of the progress report, the Accreditation Committee and the Council voted to change the accreditation status of the Samuel Merritt University College of Podiatric Medicine to **accreditation with monitoring** and determined that the college remains in noncompliance with Standard 1B, Strategic Planning; Standard 5B, Faculty Size; and Standard 5D, Faculty Policies from CPME 120, *Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine*. The college is required to submit a progress report for consideration at the April 2024 meetings of the Accreditation Committee and the Council that includes the college's progress in correcting the areas of noncompliance. Standards 3D, Professional Staff; and 8C, Programmatic Outcomes have been **corrected**.

The Samuel Merritt University College of Podiatric Medicine has **entered its second year of noncompliance and has until October 2024** to come into compliance with the accreditation standards and requirements. Pursuant to the Council's standards and rules, the college is at risk of probation and subsequent withdrawal of accreditation if these areas of noncompliance are not corrected.

**Accreditation with Monitoring** is a new accreditation category that is granted if a college is cited with one or more areas of noncompliance with the CPME standards and requirements. Colleges with this designation are still accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

#### **April 2024 CPME Meeting**

Following review of the progress report, the Council accepted the Accreditation Committee's recommendation and voted to continue accreditation **removing the accreditation with monitoring status as the college is in compliance with all accreditation standards and requirements**. In addition, all recommendations emanating from the 2022 site visit have been adequately addressed. The focused site visit scheduled for summer 2025 is no longer necessary as all issues have been corrected. The comprehensive site visit will take place in spring/summer 2027.

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