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## STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

College:	Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University
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President:	Kathleen H. Goepfinger, PhD
Chief Academic Officer:	Jeffrey Jensen, DPM
Date of Initial Accreditation:	2007
Accreditation:	CPME: April 2019 Higher Learning Commission: 2018
Maximum Enrollment:	30 (April 2011) 40 (October 2017)
Date of Previous Evaluations:	March 21-23, 2005 (Candidate Status) June 25-27, 2007 (Comprehensive) March 28-31, 2011 (Comprehensive) January 22-25, 2019 (Comprehensive)
Next Scheduled Site Visit:	CPME: Fall 2026/Early Winter 2027 Higher Learning Commission: 2027-2028

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

#### **April 2019 CPME Meeting**

The Council granted accreditation of the Arizona School of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University through April 2027. On-site re-evaluation may be expected during the fall of 2026/early winter 2027 and the maximum first-year class enrollment is 40.

Following review of the on-site team report, the Accreditation Committee and the Council determined that the school is in noncompliance with three standards and requirements from CPME 120, *Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine*: Standard 1B (Strategic Plan); Standard 2B (Parent Institution); and Standard 3B (Chief Academic Officer). The school is required to submit a

progress report for consideration at the October 2019 meetings of the Accreditation Committee and the Council that includes the school's progress of correcting the areas of noncompliance.

#### **October 2019 CPME Meeting**

The Accreditation Committee and the Council considered the progress report submitted by the Arizona School of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University. Based on a recommendation from the Accreditation Committee, the Council determined that the school continues to be in noncompliance with Standard 1B (Strategic Plan); Standard 2B (Parent Institution); and Standard 3B (Chief Academic Officer). The school is required to submit a progress report for consideration at the April 2020 meetings of the Accreditation Committee and the Council that includes the school's progress of correcting the areas of noncompliance.

#### **May 2020 CPME Meeting**

The Accreditation Committee and the Council considered the progress report submitted by the Arizona School of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University. Based on a recommendation from the Accreditation Committee, the Council determined that the school continues to be in noncompliance with Standard 1B (Strategic Plan); Standard 2B (Parent Institution); and Standard 3B (Chief Academic Officer). The school is required to submit a progress report for consideration at the October 2020 meetings of the Accreditation Committee and the Council that includes the school's progress of correcting the areas of noncompliance.

#### **October 2020 CPME Meeting**

The Accreditation Committee and the Council considered the progress report submitted by the Arizona School of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University. Based on a recommendation from the Accreditation Committee, the Council determined that the school continues to be in noncompliance with Standard 2B (Parent Institution) and Standard 3B (Chief Academic Officer). Standard 1B (Strategic Plan) has been **corrected**. The school is required to submit a progress report for consideration at the April 2021 meetings of the Accreditation Committee and the Council that includes the school's progress of correcting the areas of noncompliance.

The school is in its second year of noncompliance and has until April 2021 to come into compliance with the requirements. It is very important to note that the school is at risk for probation and subsequent withdrawal of accreditation if the area of noncompliance is not corrected.

#### **April 2021 CPME Meeting**

The areas of noncompliance with Standard 2B (Parent Institution) and Standard 3B (Chief Academic Officer) are now **corrected**.

#### **October 2023 CPME Meeting**

The Accreditation Committee and the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME or Council) considered the information concerning the fall 2023 headcount submitted by the Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University. The Council accepted the Accreditation Committee's recommendation and voted to change the accreditation status to **accreditation with monitoring** and cite an area of noncompliance concerning Standard 6B, Maximum Enrollment. Pursuant to the Council's standards and rules, the college is at risk of probation at the October 2024 meetings of the Accreditation

Committee and Council and withdrawal of accreditation at the April 2025 meeting if this area of noncompliance is 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**

The Accreditation Committee and the Council on Podiatric Medical Education considered the progress report concerning the fall 2023 headcount submitted by the Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University. The Council accepted the Accreditation Committee's recommendation and voted to continue with the college's area of noncompliance concerning standard 6 requirement B as it relates to the maximum headcount. The accreditation status continues as accreditation with monitoring and the next progress report is due September 1, 2024, in preparation for the October 2024 meetings.

Because the Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University exceeded its established maximum enrollment without prior authorization, the Council has determined that the enrollment level cannot exceed the maximum number identified by the Council, effective at the beginning of the next academic year. The college is at risk of being placed on probation at the October 2024 meetings of the Accreditation Committee and Council and withdrawal of accreditation at the April 2025 meeting if this area of noncompliance is not corrected.

#### **October 2024 CPME Meeting**

The Accreditation Committee and the Council on Podiatric Medical Education considered the annual report and the progress report concerning the fall 2023 headcount submitted by the Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University. The Council accepted the Accreditation Committee's recommendation and voted to change the accreditation status to **accreditation** from accreditation with monitoring as the area of noncompliance concerning standard 6 requirement B as it relates to the maximum headcount has been **corrected**. The college admitted 38 students in 2024 and is approved for a maximum headcount of 40.

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