

Archive of Accreditation Actions - July 27, 2015

Consistent with ACOE policy, the ACOE publishes the following information about accreditation and pre-accreditation decisions:

- the type of program (professional optometric degree, optometric residency, or optometric technician);
- the program's sponsor, and in the case of an optometric residency not sponsored by a school or college of optometry, the name of the affiliated optometric institution;
- accreditation status or action;
- the year of the next currently scheduled site visit; and
- the Council's summary of compliance with the standards, which specifies the Council's basis for any final decision. Updates to the summary of compliance will be published in subsequent reports of ACOE meeting actions when the ACOE determines that the standards are met.

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At its June 24-27, 2015 Annual meeting in Seattle, Washington the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education took the following actions: (Note: Date in parenthesis is the date of the next currently scheduled evaluation visit to the programs. Depending on the outcomes of annual reports, progress reports, interim visits, substantive program changes and other significant events affecting a program, the Council may decide to schedule a full on-site evaluation visit before the original accreditation period is complete. The accreditation period is eight years for professional optometric degree and optometric residency programs and seven years for optometric technician programs.)

Definitions of pre-accreditation classification and accreditation status

1. Preaccreditation Actions

Classification of "Preliminary Approval" continued following a full evaluation visit:

MCPHS University (formerly known as Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences) School of Optometry Professional Optometric Degree Program (2016). The Council continued the status of preliminary approval, and the ACOE will conduct a site visit in 2016 to consider accreditation since the program will be in its fourth year of operations. The program was issued recommendations to meet Standards I, III, V and VIII following a site visit in 2015 and based on a subsequent site visit evaluation and progress reports, the Council found that the

recommendations to be met. The program fully meets the eight standards professional optometric degree programs.

2 . Initial Accreditation granted to the following programs following a full evaluation visit:

Associated Eye Care Residency in Ocular Disease, which is affiliated with Illinois College of Optometry (2023). The program was granted the status of **Accredited**, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

Audie Murphie Memorial VA Hospital Residency in Brain Injury Rehabilitation and Ocular Disease, which is affiliated with University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry (2023). The program was granted the status of **Accredited**, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

Havener Eye Institute Residency in Contact Lens and Ocular Disease, which is affiliated with The Ohio State University, College of Optometry (2023). The program was granted the status of **Accredited**, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program was issued recommendations to meet Standards I, II and V following a site visit in 2015 and based on a subsequent progress report submitted by the program, the Council found the recommendations to be met. The program now fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

Micheal E. DeBakey VA Medical Center Residency in Primary Eye Care, which is affiliated with University of Houston, College of Optometry (2023). The program was granted the status of **Accredited**, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program was issued recommendations to meet Standards III and IV following a site visit in 2015 and based on subsequent progress reports submitted by the program, the Council found the recommendations to be met. The program fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

Neuro-Vision Associates of North Texas Residency in Vision Rehabilitation/Vision Therapy/Pediatric Vision Care, which is affiliated with Southern College of Optometry (2023). The program was granted the status of **Accredited**, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

Northeastern State University, Oklahoma College of Optometry Residency in Vision Rehabilitation (2023). The program was granted the status of **Accredited**, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program was issued a recommendation to meet Standard III

following a site visit in 2015 and based on a subsequent progress report submitted by the program, the Council found the recommendations to be met. The program now fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

Optometry Center for Vision Therapy Residency in Vision Therapy and Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation, which is affiliated with the University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry (2023). The program was granted the status of **Accredited**, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program was issued recommendations to meet Standards II and V following a site visit in 2015 and based on a subsequent progress report submitted by the program, the Council found the recommendations to be met. The program now fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

Toyos Clinic Residency in Refractive and Ocular Surgery, which is affiliated with Southern College of Optometry (2023). The program was granted the status of **Accredited**, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

Triad Eye Medical Clinic Residency in Ocular Disease and Refractive and Ocular Surgery, which is affiliated with Northeastern State University, Oklahoma College of Optometry (2023). The program was granted the status of **Accredited**, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program was issued a recommendation to meet Standard II following a site visit in 2015 and based on a progress report submitted by the program, the Council found the recommendation to be met. The program now fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System, Residency in Primary Eye Care/Brain Injury Vision Rehabilitation, which is affiliated with University of California, Berkeley, School of Optometry (2023). The program was granted the status of **Accredited**, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

3. Continuing Accreditation

Classification of "Accredited" continued following a full evaluation visit:

Bay Pines VA Medical Center Residency in Primary Eye Care, which is affiliated with Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry (2023). The program's status of **Accredited** was continued, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics Residency in Pediatric Optometry, which is affiliated with University of Missouri-St. Louis, College of Optometry (2023). The program's status of **Accredited** was continued, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program was issued a recommendation to meet Standard III following a site visit in 2015 and based on a progress report submitted by the program, the Council found the recommendation to be met. The program now fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center Residency in Ocular Disease, which is affiliated with The Ohio State University, College of Optometry (2023). The program's status of **Accredited** was continued, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program was issued recommendations to meet Standards II and III following a site visit in 2015 and based on a subsequent progress report submitted by the program, the Council found the recommendations to be met. The program now fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

Illinois College of Optometry Residency in Cornea and Contact Lens Management (2023). The program's status of **Accredited** was continued, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

Illinois College of Optometry Residency in Low Vision Rehabilitation and Ocular Disease (2023). The program's status of **Accredited** was continued, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

Orlando VA Medical Center Residency in Primary Eye Care, which is affiliated with Nova Southeastern University, College of Optometry (2023). The program's status of **Accredited** was continued, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center Residency in Primary Care Optometry, which is affiliated with Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University (2023). The program's status of **Accredited** was continued, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program was issued recommendations to meet Standards II, III and IV following a site visit in 2015 and based on subsequent progress and annual reports submitted by the program, the Council found four of the five recommendation to be met. The program was found to be out of compliance with standard 4.2 for 18 months, and the deadline for compliance was Dec. 27, 2016. In accordance with

requirements from the U.S. Department of Education, the ACOE must take adverse action and withdraw accreditation for non-compliance with standard 4.2. The Council therefore withdraws accreditation from the Philadelphia VAMC Residency in Primary Care Optometry effective following the end of the current residency year, on July 1, 2017.

University of California, Berkeley, School of Optometry Optometry Residency

Program (2023). The program's status of **Accredited** was continued, based on the Council's determination that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. The program fully meets the six standards for residency programs.

4. Reconsideration of Accreditation Denial

- None

5. Withdrawal of accreditation by ACOE;

- None

6. Voluntary withdrawal of accreditation

- None

Note: In addition to the above accreditation actions, the ACOE also reviewed the following program(s) applying for initial application as a professional optometric degree program. (Stage One Applicant and Stage Two Applicant are not official pre-accreditation classifications, but rather steps toward pre-accreditation.)

Designation of Stage One Applicant

None

Designation of Stage Two Applicant

Midwestern University College of Optometry-Illinois professional optometric degree program in Downers Grove, Illinois

Definitions

Pre-Accreditation Classification

In the case of a program which is not fully operational, the Council may grant the pre-accreditation status of preliminary approval following satisfaction by the program of the requirements for initial application in Chapter 4 and the Council's review of an evaluation team report following a site visit:

Preliminary Approval -- A pre-accreditation classification granted to a professional optometric degree program that has clearly demonstrated it is developing in accordance with Council standards. The program has approval to begin student recruitment, selection and admissions, and to begin offering the program. The Council shall review the preliminary approval classification annually during the first three academic years of the program through written reports and/or site visits as deemed necessary by the Council. A request for accreditation status shall be made not

less than 12 months prior to graduation of the program's first class. As required by the USDE, the Council will not grant pre-accreditation status to a program for longer than five years.

When the Council awards preliminary approval to a program or at any time during the Council's monitoring of a program holding preliminary approval status, the ACOE may issue recommendations or specify conditions for monitoring, which must be attained in order to maintain the pre-accreditation status.

Accreditation Status

The Accreditation Council on Optometric Education may decide to grant one of the two following accreditation statuses to a program following adoption of the evaluation team report and recommendations. Accreditation status may be lowered or revoked if the Council determines that the program is not making sufficient progress on recommendations from the Council.

Accredited-- A classification granted to an educational program indicating that the program generally meets the standards for accreditation. This classification indicates that the program has no deficiencies or weaknesses that compromise the educational effectiveness of the total program. However, recommendations relating to marginal compliance with certain standards, and suggestions relating to program enhancement may be included in evaluation reports.

Accredited with Conditions-- A classification granted to an educational program with major deficiencies or weaknesses with reference to the standards of accreditation. This classification indicates that the educational effectiveness of the program is in jeopardy. Programs with this classification will be required to submit progress reports and shall undergo a full on-site evaluation visit within a prescribed period of: one year for programs which are less than one year in length; 18 months for programs which are at least one year in length but less than two years in length; and two years for programs which are more than two years in length.