

## Archive of ACOE Accreditation Actions and Decisions - May 31, 2023

At its April 29, 2023 virtual meeting designated for new program consideration, the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) reviewed applications from the following programs for a proposed professional optometric degree program and voted to grant the following:

**Designation of Stage One Applicant** – Universidad Ana G. Mendez – Cupey Campus

**Designation of Stage Two Applicant** – University of Detroit Mercy School of Optometry

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### Definitions

**Stage One designation** - A classification granted to a proposed professional optometric degree program indicating that the proposed program has demonstrated a complete and sufficiently developed needs assessment, feasibility study, and risk assessment. The Stage One designation classification does not provide any rights or privileges of accreditation and is not a formal preaccreditation status. The proposed program has approval to apply for Stage Two designation.

**Stage Two designation** - A classification granted to a proposed professional optometric degree program indicating that the proposed program's planning and development are sufficient to warrant an on-site evaluation review in consideration of Preliminary Approval Status. The Stage Two designation classification does not provide any rights or privileges of accreditation and is not a formal preaccreditation status.

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