Recent accreditation actions and decisions of the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE)

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

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.

The ACOE Policies and Procedure Manual may be found in the Accreditation Resources and Directories of Programs section.