



COUNCIL ON PODIATRIC MEDICAL EDUCATION

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October 29, 2012

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Dear Dr. Harkless:

On behalf of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education, I am pleased to inform you of the decision of the Council regarding the accreditation of Western University of Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine. The Council's action was taken at its recent meeting held on October 19-20, 2012.

Based on review of the comprehensive report of the evaluation team and the College's written response to the team report, the Council granted initial accreditation of the College of Podiatric Medicine through October 2016. On-site re-evaluation may be expected during the winter or spring of 2016. The maximum first year class enrollment for your institution is 50.

The evaluation team, which visited the College on August 27-30, 2012, identified no areas of potential noncompliance. Following review of the on-site evaluation report, your response to the report, and the recommendation of the Accreditation Committee, the Council concurred with the findings of the evaluation team.

Enclosed is a copy of the final approved evaluation report, identifying the findings of the evaluation team. According to CPME 130, *Procedures for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine* (2005), the College may distribute the report as it wishes provided only copies printed by the Council are distributed. We will print additional copies of the report for distribution within the institution and to the University's Board of Trustees at your discretion. Please let us know the number of copies that you will need.

The College is requested to submit a progress report by March 1, 2013 for consideration at the April 2013 meetings of the Committee and the Council that includes the College's response to each evaluation team recommendation.

In keeping with Council procedures, we request that a copy of this correspondence be made available to the members of the University's Board of Trustees.

A certificate of accreditation is enclosed.

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As a Council-accredited program, Western University's College of Podiatric Medicine will be required later this fall to submit both a completed annual report and the \$4,000 annual assessment. The final billing statement that reflects the costs related to the evaluation of the Program also will be forwarded to you in the forthcoming weeks.

At their meetings, the Council and the Accreditation Committee also considered the complaint against the College of Podiatric Medicine. The complainant alleged that the College was in noncompliance with requirement 4.d in CPME publication 120, *Standards and Requirements for Accrediting Colleges of Podiatric Medicine*, related to clinical science instruction and procedures in CPME 130 related to the institution possessing the resources necessary to provide its students an appropriate educational process and to meet the requirements in CPME 120.

Based on a recommendation of the Accreditation Committee, review of the materials submitted by both you and the complainant, and review of the team report, the Council determined that no further action is required at this time because the College was found to be in compliance with requirement 4.d.

Please feel free to contact me at either extension 290 or artinkleman@apma.org should you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Alan Tinkleman
Director

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Evaluation team report

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