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U.S. Department of Education

Staff Report

to the

Senior Department Official

on

Recognition Compliance Issues

Recommendation Page

1. **Agency:** Council on Chiropractic Education, The
2. **Action Item:** Compliance Report
3. **Current Scope of Recognition:** The accreditation of programs leading to the Doctor of Chiropractic degree and single-purpose institutions offering the Doctor of Chiropractic program.
4. **Requested Scope of Recognition:** Same as above.
5. **Date of Advisory Committee Meeting:** July 30, 2019
6. **Staff Recommendation:** Renew the agency's recognition for three years.
7. **Issues or Problems:** None

Executive Summary

Part I: General Information About The Agency

The Council on Chiropractic Education is recognized as a specialized accreditor. It currently accredits 15 doctor of chiropractic programs at 18 sites in 13 states. Of these programs, CCE accredits one program that is offered through a single-purpose chiropractic institution. The agency's one single-purpose chiropractic institution uses the agency's accreditation to establish eligibility to participate in the Title IV HEA programs. Accreditation by the agency also allows its 15 programs to participate in non-Title IV programs offered through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Recognition History

CCE was first recognized by the Commissioner of Education in 1974 and has received periodic renewal of recognition since that time. The agency was last reviewed for continued recognition at the Fall 2011 NACIQI meeting. At that time, it received continued recognition and was requested to submit a compliance report on several areas of the Criteria. The agency's compliance report was reviewed at the Fall 2013 NACIQI meeting, and the agency's recognition was continued for a period of three years. The agency was last reviewed for continued recognition at the Fall 2017 NACIQI meeting. At that time, it received continued recognition and was requested to submit a compliance report on one area of the Criteria. The agency's Compliance Report is the subject of the current staff analysis. No complaints about the agency were received this review period.

Part II: Summary Of Findings

602.20(a) Enforcement Timelines

(a) If the agency's review of an institution or program under any standard indicates that the institution or program is not in compliance with that standard, the agency must--

- (1) Immediately initiate adverse action against the institution or program; or

(2) Require the institution or program to take appropriate action to bring itself into compliance with the agency's standards within a time period that must not exceed--

(i) Twelve months, if the program, or the longest program offered by the institution, is less than one year in length;

(ii) Eighteen months, if the program, or the longest program offered by the institution, is at least one year, but less than two years, in length; or

(iii) Two years, if the program, or the longest program offered by the institution, is at least two years in length.

In response to the Department's staff draft analysis, CCE provided its Standards and a narrative documenting further clarification of why the agency believes it is in compliance with this section. CCE standards identify the length of the programs which are the subject of the actions against the institutions allowing Department staff to ascertain that the agency actions were taken within the timelines require by this criterion and the agency's policy .

CCE clarifies in its Standards that a warning status may be used when "1. ...deficiency(ies) do not compromise the overall program integrity and can be corrected by the DCP/Institution within the permissible timeframe; or 2. Has failed to comply and/or provide requested information." (CCE Standards, 2018, p. 9)

The Departments review of the agency's narrative and its standards verified that CCE takes immediate adverse action against the institution or program, and requires the institution or program to take appropriate action to bring itself into compliance with the agency's standards within a time period that must not exceed the requirements of this section.

In the original response to this section of the criteria, the agency demonstrated application of this requirement by providing a sample copy of the tracking report that the council receives noting areas of non-compliance for programs/institutions (Ex. 110) and sample action letters referencing the two-year enforcement timeframe and the resolution of areas of non-compliance within the required limits (Ex. 99).

Department staff accepts the additional clarifying information and documentation provided, and no additional information is required

Part III: Third Party Comments

The Department did not receive any written third-party comments regarding this agency.