Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Services
Manchester/Worcester

Accreditation History

First accredited: October 1998
Next review: September 2019
Maximum class size: 125 (55 Man/70 Wor)

March 2019
The commission accepted the report addressing standards A1.04, A2.16, A3.15a, B1.03, B1.09 and B3.06a, b (4th edition); additional information (standards B3.06a, b) due March 29, 2019.

The commission accepted the report addressing standards B3.07a, b (4th edition); additional information (standard B3.07a) due March 10, 2019.

Program Change: Change in graduation requirements (increase from 101 to 105 credits). The commission deferred action on the proposed change. Additional information (effective date, update on progress in faculty search, standards A3.13a, A3.14d, e and A3.17b, c [4th edition]) due April 8, 2019.

September 2018
The commission accepted the report addressing standards B1.11a, B3.02, B3.03a-d (4th edition). No further information requested.

June 2018

March 2018
The program submitted the required Exceeding Class Size report. The commission accepted the report. No further information requested.

September 2017
Adverse Action-Accreditation-Probation; A focused probation site visit will need to occur in advance of the September 2019 commission meeting. The program’s maximum class size is 125 students per class (55 at Manchester and 70 at Worcester). The program did not appeal the commission’s decision. Reports due November 15, 2017 (Exceeding Class Size explanation); January 1, 2018 (standards A1.03c, A1.04, A1.09, A2.16, A3.14b, A3.15a, A3.17b, B1.03, B1.09, B2.06, B2.06a-b, C4.01), July 1, 2018 (standards B1.11a, B3.02, B3.03a-d), December 10, 2018 (standards B3.07a-b) and April 15, 2019 (standards C2.01b-e).

March 2017
Accreditation-Continued; Next Comprehensive Evaluation: September 2017. The program is approved for up to 125 students.

The program received an alert through the Program Management Portal that the number of students exceeded the maximum entering class size. The program submitted the required Exceeding Class Size report. The commission accepted the report.
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March 2016
The commission accepted the report regarding student enrollment. No further information requested.

November 2015
The program requested reconsideration of the commission’s action to place the program on Accreditation-Probation. The commission’s decision was upheld; the program failed to comply with standard E1.09d and disregarded the accreditation Standards, specifically as related to class size increase. Reports due by February 1, 2016 and February 1, 2017.

September 2015
Program Change: Increase in class size from 125 to 200 students. The commission did not approve the program’s request to increase its class size for the class to begin January 2016.

Adverse Action-Accreditation-Probation; Next Evaluation: September 2017. Decision based on the information contained in the program letter, the program request for class size increase and the program accreditation history. The program has already taken in more students than the number for which it is currently approved.

The commission accepted the program’s January 2016 affirmation regarding the accuracy of student numbers. Additional report requested by February 1, 2017.

March 2015
The commission accepted the report. No further information requested.

September 2014
The commission found the report unacceptable. The program is required to submit acceptable responses by October 26, 2014 (program personnel, statement of accreditation, update website [PANCE, success in achieving goals], portal information).

March 2014
The commission accepted the report. Additional information requested by July 30, 2014.

Program Change: Request to increase class size (125 to 200). The commission did not approve the program’s request to increase its class size.

September 2013
The commission accepted the report. Additional information requested by December 31, 2013.

March 2013
The commission accepted the report. Additional information requested by February 28, 2013.
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February 2013

September 2012
The commission accepted the report. Additional information requested by December 31, 2012.

March 2012
Program Change: Adjust the number of students between the two campuses at MCPHS. The commission accepted the report. Additional information requested by July 1, 2012.

March 2011
The commission accepted the report. No further information requested.

September 2010
Accreditation-Continued; Next Comprehensive Evaluation: September 2014. The program is approved for up to 220 students.
Report due December 31, 2010 (standards [3rd/4th editions] A3.07g/A3.14f, A3.07i/A3.14c, C1.01a/C1.01, C1.01c/C1.01, C2.01b1/C2.01b, C2.01b3/C2.01b, C4.01).
The commission accepted the June 2010 report. Additional information requested by December 31, 2011.

September 2009
Program Change: Increase the aggregate enrollment at both Manchester, NH and Worcester, MA. The commission acknowledged the proposed change. Report due no later than June 30, 2010.

March 2009
The commission accepted the report addressing standard B3.04d (3rd edition). No further information requested.

September 2008
The commission accepted the report addressing standards A1.04, A2.17, B3.04d-e, B4.02d, B7.01, B7.02, B7.03c-d and B7.04g (3rd edition). Next Comprehensive Evaluation: September 2010. Report due January 9, 2009 (standard B3.04d)

March 2008
The commission accepted the report addressing faculty, SCPEs and student learning expectations. Next Comprehensive Evaluation: 2010.

September 2007
Accreditation-Continued; Next Comprehensive Evaluation: 2010. The program is approved for up to 80 students. Report due January 11 (addressing faculty, supervised clinical practice
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experiences [SCPEs] and student learning expectations) and July 11, 2008 (standards A1.04, A2.17, B3.04d-e, B4.02d, B7.01, B7.02, B7.03c-d and B7.04g; 3rd edition).

Program Change: Increase in the aggregate number of students. The commission acknowledged, with serious reservations, the proposed change.

September 2005
The commission accepted the report addressing standards B1.2, B1.4, B5.3, B6.2h, C2.2a-g, C4.1b, C6.1, C6.2 (2nd edition); however, concern was expressed regarding the responses to standards B5.3, C6.1 and C6.2. No further information requested.

September 2004

March 2004
The commission acknowledged the report related to the geographic location of each faculty listed in a previous correspondence. No further information requested.

September 2003
Personnel Change: Interim program director appointed April 2003 - June 30, 2004. Interim program director appointed as the permanent program director beginning July 1, 2004; permanent program director appointed through June 30, 2005 and renewable for an additional two-year term.

Program Change: Increase in the number of students per class per year from 36 in the didactic year and 36 in the clinical year (72 total) to 40 didactic/40 clinical (80 total). Increase acknowledged.

Report due: Clarification on location of FTE faculty levels described.

September 2002 (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy–Manchester)
Personnel Change: A program director was appointed, effective July 1, 2002. Letter received August 21, notified the ARC-PA that effective August 20, 2002, the program director was moved to academic coordinator and interim co-directors were appointed. A search is currently underway for a new department chair. Report due prior to site visit (organizational chart).

March 2002 (Notre Dame College)
The commission accepted the report. Requested additional report by July 19, 2002 (revised learning objectives).
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College closing, effective May 3, 2002. A request to transfer sponsorship of the PA program to the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy (Boston, MA) was received. MCP is scheduled for a site visit about two months before the consolidation, which should be delayed to the April-August 2003 cycle.

The ARC-PA acknowledged the proposed transfer, effective May 6, 2002. An official letter from the president of MCP (MCP is currently seeking degree-granting authority in New Hampshire) to be submitted.

December 2001 (Notre Dame College, Manchester, NH)