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June 2021
The commission acknowledged the amendment to the previously acknowledged change in degree form. No further information requested.

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. No further information requested.

March 2021
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. No further information requested.

June 2020
The commission acknowledged the report providing evidence of

- The proposed plan in response to COVID-19. No further information requested.

The commission accepted the report providing evidence of

- Clarification of requirements for awarding the masters degree. No further information requested.

March 2020
Program Change: Change in degree (Associate in Science in Health Sciences + Bachelor of Applied Science in Health Science with a Concentration of Physician Assistant Studies to Associate in Science in Health Sciences + Bachelor of Applied Science in Health Science with a Concentration of Physician Assistant Studies + Masters in Health Science). The commission acknowledged the proposed change, effective May 29, 2021.
Additional information (clarification of requirements for awarding masters degree) due February 3, 2020.

March 2018
Program Change: Change in degree (Associate in Science- Physician Assistant to Associate in Science in Health Sciences + Bachelor of Applied Science in Health Science with a Concentration of Physician Assistant Studies), increase in program credits (56 to 130) and increase in length of program (24 to 27 months). The commission acknowledged the proposed changes, effective May 29, 2018.

The commission accepted the report addressing 4th edition

- Standard B3.07f (provided evidence of SCPEs with preceptors practicing in behavioral and mental health). No further information requested.

March 2017
The commission accepted the report providing evidence of
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- How qualitative expectations are evaluated and how numeric benchmark was established.
No further information requested.

The commission **accepted the report** providing evidence of
- Clarification of “qualitative” and “quantitative,” definition of age categories and how competency is established.

Additional information (narrative addressing how qualitative expectations evaluated and how numeric benchmark established) due December 15, 2016.

**September 2016**
The commission **accepted the report** providing evidence of
- Revised Family Medicine syllabus and Appendix E

Additional information (clarification of “qualitative” and “quantitative,” definition of age categories and how competency is established) due November 1, 2016.

**March 2016**
The commission **accepted the report** addressing 4th edition
- **Standard A3.07** (provided evidence the policy on immunization of students is based on current CDC requirements),
- **Standard B1.09** (provided evidence instructional objectives for each didactic course appropriately guide student acquisition of competencies),
- **Standard B3.02** (provided evidence program expectations for students in supervised clinical practice experiences [SCPEs] are made clear to students),
- **Standards B3.03a-d** (provided evidence program defined requirements for SCPEs with patients seeking a) medical care across the life span, b) women’s health, c) surgical management and d) behavioral and mental health conditions are made clear to students).

Additional information (revised Family Medicine syllabus and Appendix 3 [Appendix E]) due June 15, 2016.

**September 2015**
Accreditation-Continued; Next Comprehensive Evaluation: September 2025. The program’s maximum class size remains 55.
Report due December 15, 2015 (**Standards**, 4th edition) -
- **Standard A3.07** (lacked evidence the policy on immunization of students is based on current CDC requirements),
- **Standard B1.09** (lacked evidence instructional objectives for each didactic course appropriately guide student acquisition of competencies),
- **Standard B3.02** (lacked evidence program expectations for students in supervised clinical practice experiences [SCPEs] are made clear to students),
- **Standards B3.03a-d** (lacked evidence program defined requirements for SCPEs with patients seeking a) medical care across the life span, b) women’s health, c) surgical management and d) behavioral and mental health conditions are made clear to students).
Due July 31, 2017 (Standards, 4th edition) -

- **Standard B3.07f** (lacked evidence of SCPEs with preceptors practicing in behavioral and mental health).

March 2015

The commission **accepted the report** providing evidence of

- Success of the program in achieving its goals on the website. No further information requested.

The commission **acknowledged the report** providing evidence of

- Update website with PANCE pass rate data.
- Update SCPEs in the Portal.

The commission **accepted the report** providing evidence of

- Discrepancy in between approved and actual class size. No further information requested.

September 2014

Program’s PANCE pass rate for class of 2013 was 82%. As pass rate was less than 85%, the program submitted required PANCE performance analysis report. The commission **did not accept the report**.

Additional information (update website with success of the program in achieving goals and PANCE pass rate data, update supervised clinical practice experiences [SCPEs] in Program Management Portal and report on discrepancy between approved and actual class size) due October 20, 2014.

March 2012

The commission **accepted the report** providing evidence of

- PANCE on the web and PANCE performance analysis. No further information requested.

September 2011

The commission **accepted the report** providing evidence of

- Analysis of the previous three years' student data including PANCE results, including a detailed report of the results.

Additional information (weblink to PANCE pass rate data and PANCE performance analysis) due December 31, 2011.

Program Change: Change in maximum student capacity (90 to 110), effective August 2011. The commission **acknowledged the proposed change** and requested additional information (as above, PANCE) due December 31, 2011.

March 2011

The commission **did not accept the report** addressing 3rd edition

- **Standard C1.01g** (lacked evidence the program regularly collects and analyzes graduate performance on the PANCE) and
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- **Standard C3.06** (lacked evidence the program documents a summative evaluation of each student toward the end of the program to assure that students are prepared to enter clinical practice).

Additional information (conduct analysis of the previous three years' student data including PANCE results to the depth and breadth as required and submit a detailed report of the results) due July 1, 2011.

**September 2010**
Report due July 1, 2011 (*Standards*, 3rd edition) -
- **Standard C1.01g** (lacked evidence the program regularly collects and analyzes graduate performance on the PANCE) and
- **Standard C3.06** (lacked evidence the program documents a summative evaluation of each student toward the end of the program to assure that students are prepared to enter clinical practice).

**September 2009**
The commission **accepted the report** providing evidence of
- The summative exam and learning objectives for anatomy. No further information requested.

**March 2009**
The commission **did not accept the report** as it did not provide evidence of
- The summative exam and learning objectives for anatomy.
Additional information (as requested previously) due July 1, 2009.

**September 2008**
The commission **accepted the reports** providing evidence of
- Website updated with PANCE.
- Timeline for addition of support staff.
Additional information (clarification of summative exam and learning objectives for anatomy) due January 9, 2009.

**March 2008**
The commission **accepted the report** providing evidence of
- Personnel records have been updated with CVs and PANCE rates are on the website.
Additional information (website update to make PANCE readily available) due May 1, 2008.

Program Change: Change in maximum student capacity (75 to 90), effective August 2008. The commission **acknowledged the program change** and requested additional information (timeline for addition of support staff and letter of support) due July 11, 2008.
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September 2007
Report due January 11, 2008
  • Personnel records updated with CVs and PANCE rates are on the website.
Due July 11, 2008 (Standards, 3rd edition) -
  • **Standard A2.10** (lacked evidence the program director is knowledgeable about and responsible for the accreditation process),
  • **Standard A2.23** (lacked evidence there is sufficient administrative and technical support staff),
  • **Standard A3.07i** (lacked evidence first time PANCE pass rates for the five most recent graduating classes is published and readily available to prospective and enrolled students),
  • **Standard A3.14b** (lacked evidence core faculty records include current curriculum vitae),
  • **Standard B1.06** (lacked evidence there is a published syllabus for each didactic course that defines expectations and guides student acquisition of expected competencies),
  • **Standard B4.02a** (lacked evidence the program provides instruction in normal psychological development of pediatric, adult, and geriatric patients),
  • **Standard B5.01** (lacked evidence the program provides instruction to equip students with the necessary skills to evaluate the medical literature),
  • **Standards C2.01b4 and c** (lacked evidence the self-study report documents outcome data and critical analysis of b4) student evaluations of individual didactic courses, clinical experiences, and faculty and c) self-identified program strengths and areas in need of improvement) and
  • **Standard C3.06** (lacked evidence the summative evaluation of each student documents that students are prepared to enter clinical practice).

September 2006
The commission acknowledged the report addressing 2nd edition
  • **Standard A2.1** (provided evidence the program has effective leadership and management),
  • **Standard A2.10** (provided evidence the program director is knowledgeable about the accreditation process and responsible for the organization, administration, continuous review and analysis, planning, and development of the program),
  • **Standard A2.12** (provided evidence the medical director is board certified),
  • **Standard A5.16** (provided evidence student admissions is made in accordance with clearly defined and published practices of the institution and program),
  • **Standard A5.17b** (provided evidence policies regarding advanced placement, transfer of credit, and credit for experiential learning was clearly defined, published and readily available to prospective students),
  • **Standard B6.2e** (provided evidence that every student has clinical experiences in general surgery),
  • **Standard B6.3** (provided evidence clinical experiences are provided in long-term care settings),
  • **Standard C1.1** (provided evidence the program has a well-documented self-evaluation process),
• **Standards C2.2a-g** (provided evidence the self-study report includes critical analysis of a) student attrition, deceleration, and remediation, b) faculty attrition, c) student failure rates in individual courses and rotations, d) student evaluations of individual didactic courses, clinical experiences, and faculty, e) timely surveys of graduates evaluating curriculum and program effectiveness, f) surveys of employers on such matters as employment settings, scope of practice, graduate competence, and suggestions for curriculum improvement and g) evaluation of the most recent five-year aggregate student performance on the national certifying examination),

• **Standards C4.1a-b, d-e, g** (provided evidence the self-study report documents a) process and results of continuous evaluation, b) outcome data analysis, d) modifications that occurred as a result of self-evaluation, e) plans for addressing weaknesses and areas needing improvement and g) compliance with the Standards) and

• **Standard C6.1** (provided evidence the program documents evaluation of sites used for the students' clinical practice experiences). No further information requested.

March 2006

Report due July 14, 2006 (Standards, 2nd edition) -

• **Standard A2.1** (lacked evidence the program has effective leadership and management),

• **Standard A2.10** (lacked evidence the program director is knowledgeable about the accreditation process and responsible for the organization, administration, continuous review and analysis, planning, and development of the program),

• **Standard A2.12** (lacked evidence the medical director is board certified),

• **Standard A5.16** (lacked evidence student admissions is made in accordance with clearly defined and published practices of the institution and program),

• **Standard A5.17b** (lacked evidence policies regarding advanced placement, transfer of credit, and credit for experiential learning was clearly defined, published and readily available to prospective students),

• **Standard B6.2e** (lacked evidence that every student has clinical experiences in general surgery),

• **Standard B6.3** (lacked evidence clinical experiences are provided in long-term care settings),

• **Standard C1.1** (lacked evidence the program has a well-documented self-evaluation process),

• **Standards C2.2a-g** (lacked evidence the self-study report includes critical analysis of a) student attrition, deceleration, and remediation, b) faculty attrition, c) student failure rates in individual courses and rotations, d) student evaluations of individual didactic courses, clinical experiences, and faculty, e) timely surveys of graduates evaluating curriculum and program effectiveness, f) surveys of employers on such matters as employment settings, scope of practice, graduate competence, and suggestions for curriculum improvement and g) evaluation of the most recent five-year aggregate student performance on the national certifying examination),

• **Standards C4.1a-b, d-e, g** (lacked evidence the self-study report documents a) process and results of continuous evaluation, b) outcome data analysis, d) modifications that occurred as a
result of self-evaluation, e) plans for addressing weaknesses and areas needing improvement and g) compliance with the Standards) and

- **Standard C6.1** (lacked evidence the program documents evaluation of sites used for the students' clinical practice experiences).

**March 2005**
The commission **acknowledged the report** addressing 2nd edition

- **Standard A2.4** (provided evidence of core program faculty responsible for the administration and coordination of didactic and clinical portions of the curriculum),
- Evidence provided for the date of the medical director's employment. No further information requested.

**September 2004**
The commission **acknowledged the report** addressing 2nd edition

- **Standard A2.3** (provided evidence the program has a designated medical director),
- **Standard A2.4** (lacked evidence of core program faculty responsible for the administration and coordination of didactic and clinical portions of the curriculum),
- **Standards B4.1c-d** (provided evidence of instruction on c) reimbursement, including documentation, coding, and billing and d) quality assurance and risk management in medical practice),
- **Standard C2.2f** (provided evidence the self-study report includes surveys of employers on such matters as employment settings, scope of practice, graduate competence, and suggestions for curriculum improvement),
- **Standards C4.1b, d-e, g** (provided evidence the self-study report documents b) outcome data analysis, d) modifications that occurred as a result of self-evaluation, e) plans for addressing weaknesses and areas needing improvement and g) compliance with the Standards), and
- **Standard C5.5** (provided evidence of a summative evaluation of each student) and
- Evidence provided of the update on hiring of medical director and core program faculty.

Additional information (standard A2.4 [lacked evidence of core program faculty responsible for the administration and coordination of didactic and clinical portions of the curriculum] and medical director's date of employment) due January 14, 2005.

**March 2004**
Report due July 15, 2004
- Update on hiring of medical director and core program faculty and

Due January 17, 2005 *(Standards, 2nd edition)* -

- **Standard A2.3** (lacked evidence the program has a designated medical director),
- **Standard A2.4** (lacked evidence of core program faculty responsible for the administration and coordination of didactic and clinical portions of the curriculum),
• **Standards B4.1c-d** (lacked evidence of instruction on c) reimbursement, including documentation, coding, and billing and d) quality assurance and risk management in medical practice),

• **Standard C2.2f** (lacked evidence the self-study report includes surveys of employers on such matters as employment settings, scope of practice, graduate competence, and suggestions for curriculum improvement),

• **Standards C4.1b, d-e, g** (lacked evidence the self-study report documents b) outcome data analysis, d) modifications that occurred as a result of self-evaluation, e) plans for addressing weaknesses and areas needing improvement and g) compliance with the Standards), and

• **Standard C5.5** (lacked evidence of a summative evaluation of each student).

March 2003

September 2000
Accreditation-Continued; Next Comprehensive Evaluation: September 2003. The commission noted zero areas of noncompliance with the Standards.

March 2000
The commission accepted the report addressing standards I D 1 a, I D 1 c, and III A 2 d (1st edition).

October 1999
Complaint filed related to substantial tuition increase. Program directed to submit a report addressing standards I D 1 a, I D 1 c, and III A 2 d; 1st edition.

June 1998
CAAHEP board awarded Accreditation-Provisional. On-site evaluation to occur four months before the students begin clinical rotations.

March 1998
The appeals panel met to review the withholding of provisional accreditation. The panel recommended to CAAHEP that the program receive provisional accreditation. Decision accepted, program notified, then decision rescinded.

September 1997
Adverse Action-Accreditation-Withheld. The program requested reconsideration of the commission’s decision. The commission’s decision was upheld. The program filed an appeal.