

Mississippi College Accreditation History

First accredited: March 2011

Next review: July 2034

Maximum class size: 36

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January 2026

Program Change: Increase maximum entering class size to 42 students. The commission **approved the program's proposed change effective May 17, 2027.**

No further information requested.

The program's student attrition rate was 10.9% or greater for its 2024 cohort. The program submitted the Student Attrition Required Report. The commission **accepted the report.** No further information required.

September 2025

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

- A preceptor is board certified in the area of instruction or compelling reason for using a physician who is non-board-certified in area of instruction, revised SCPE learning outcomes and/or instructional objectives to include all of the specific age groups as required by B3.03b, syllabus for each required SCPE to include the program's revised SCPE expectations, and revised preceptor evaluations to verify the program has the means to determine whether each student has met the learning outcomes and instructional objectives on SCPEs by aligning evaluation with what is expected and in a timely manner.

No further information requested.

March 2025

The commission **reviewed and more information requested of the report** addressing 5th edition

- **Standard B3.06a** (lacked evidence supervised clinical practice experiences occur with physicians who are specialty board certified in their area of instruction)
- **Standard B4.01a** (lacked evidence that the program conducts frequent, objective and documented evaluations of student performance in meeting the program's learning outcomes and instructional objectives for both didactic and supervised clinical practice experience components that align with what is expected and taught)
- **Standard B4.01b** (lacked evidence that the program conducts frequent, objective and documented evaluations of student performance in meeting the program's learning outcomes and instructional objectives for both didactic and supervised clinical practice experience components that allow the program to identify and address any student deficiencies in a timely manner)

Additional information (evidence that a preceptor is board certified in the area of instruction or compelling reason for using a physician who is non-board-certified in area of instruction, revised SCPE learning outcomes and/or instructional objectives to include all of the specific age groups as required by B3.03b, syllabus for each required SCPE to include the program's revised SCPE expectations, and revised preceptor evaluations to verify the program has the means to determine whether each student has met the learning outcomes and instructional objectives on SCPEs by aligning evaluation with what is expected and in a timely manner) due by April 22, 2025.

No additional information required for 5th edition:

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- **Standard A2.16** (provided evidence all instructional faculty actively serving as supervised clinical practice experience preceptors hold a valid license to practice at the clinical site)
- **Standard B3.06b** (provided evidence supervised clinical practice experiences occur with NCCPA certified PAs)

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.

September 2024

The program's student attrition rate was 10.9% or greater for its 2023 cohort. The program submitted the Student Attrition Required Report. The commission **did not accept the report**. No further information requested at this time as the program will address the classes of 2023 and 2024 in its next report.

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

- Updates to the program's Program Management Portal and website. No further information requested.

March 2024

Accreditation-Continued; Program has demonstrated continued and sufficient compliance with the ARC-PA *Standards*. Next Comprehensive Evaluation: March 2034. Maximum class size: 36.

Report due May 13, 2024:

- Update NCCPA PANCE Pass Rate Summary Report on program website
- Update Students tab in Program Management Portal

Report due October 1, 2024 (*Standards*, 5th edition):

- **Standard A2.16** (lacked evidence all instructional faculty actively serving as supervised clinical practice experience preceptors hold a valid license to practice at the clinical site)
- **Standard B3.06a** (lacked evidence supervised clinical practice experiences occur with physicians who are specialty board certified in their area of instruction)
- **Standard B3.06b** (lacked evidence supervised clinical practice experiences occur with NCCPA certified PAs)
- **Standard B4.01a** (lacked evidence that the program conducts frequent, objective and documented evaluations of student performance in meeting the program's learning outcomes and instructional objectives for both didactic and supervised clinical practice experience components that align with what is expected and taught)
- **Standard B4.01b** (lacked evidence that the program conducts frequent, objective and documented evaluations of student performance in meeting the program's learning outcomes and instructional objectives for both didactic and supervised clinical practice experience components that allow the program to identify and address any student deficiencies in a timely manner)

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No report due (commission expects program to submit all reports and documents as required by the ARC-PA with the initial submission):

- **Standard A2.09g** (lacked evidence the program director is knowledgeable about and responsible for completion of ARC-PA required documents)
- **Standard E1.03** (lacked evidence program submits reports or documents as required by the ARC-PA)

September 2021

The program's PANCE pass rate percentage was 85% or less for its 2020 cohort. The program submitted the required analysis of PANCE performance. 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.

March 2020

Program Change: Change in class size (30 to 36), effective May 2020. The commission **approved the proposed change**. No further information requested.

May 2016

The program was notified of a change in the accreditation process (time extended between regularly scheduled validation reviews from seven to ten years). Program's next validation review changed from March 2021 to March 2024 due to this change.

March 2015

The commission **accepted the report** addressing 4th edition

- **Standard A2.16** (provided evidence all instructional faculty serving as supervised clinical practice experience preceptors hold a valid license) and
- **Standards B3.03a-b** (provided evidence of supervised clinical practice experiences providing sufficient patient exposure with patients seeking a) medical care across the life span and b) women's health). No further information requested.

September 2014

The commission **accepted the report** addressing 4th edition

- **Standard B2.07** (provided evidence the program curriculum includes instruction in technical skills and procedures based on current professional practice)

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

- Updated students tab in the Program Management Portal. No further information requested.

March 2014

Accreditation-Continued; Next Comprehensive Evaluation: March 2021. Maximum class size: 30.

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Report due April 11, 2014 (*Standards*, 4th edition) -

- **Standard B2.07** (lacked evidence the program curriculum includes instruction in technical skills and procedures based on current professional practice) and
- Update students tab in the Program Management Portal.

Due November 14, 2014 (*Standards*, 4th edition) -

- **Standard A2.16** (lacked evidence all instructional faculty serving as supervised clinical practice experience preceptors hold a valid license) and
- **Standards B3.03a-b** (lacked evidence of supervised clinical practice experiences providing sufficient patient exposure with patients seeking a) medical care across the life span and b) women's health).

September 2012

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

- The updates in the portal. No further information requested.

March 2011

Accreditation-Provisional; Next Comprehensive Evaluation: March 2014. Maximum student capacity: 90.

The commission noted zero areas of noncompliance with the *Standards*.

Report due July 1, 2012

- Update supervised clinical practice experiences (SCPEs) and personnel tabs in Program Management Portal.