

# ACCREDITATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

The University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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## College of Nursing Accreditation

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program, Master of Science in Nursing degree program, Doctor of Nursing Practice program, and post-graduate APRN Certificate program at the University of Colorado College of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>

and

Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education

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Silver Spring, MD 20910

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<https://www.midwife.org/acme> (<https://www.midwife.org/acme/>)

The College of Nursing maintains the following memberships:

- American Academy of Nursing
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing
- National Student Nurses Association
- Colorado Nurses Association
- National League for Nursing
- Sigma Theta Tau International

## School of Medicine Accreditation

The University of Colorado School of Medicine is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).

LCME: <https://lcme.org/directory/accredited-u-s-programs/>

LCME accreditation is a voluntary, peer-reviewed process of quality assurance that determines whether the medical education program meets established standards. This process also fosters institutional and programmatic improvement. To achieve and maintain accreditation, a medical education program leading to the MD degree in the United States and Canada must meet the LCME accreditation standards contained in the LCME document Functions and Structure of a Medical School (<https://lcme.org/publications/#Standards>). Programs are required to demonstrate that their graduates exhibit general professional competencies that are appropriate for entry to the

next stage of their training and that serve as the foundation for lifelong learning and proficient medical care. While recognizing the existence and appropriateness of diverse institutional missions and educational objectives, the LCME subscribes to the proposition that local circumstances do not justify accreditation of a substandard program of medical education leading to the MD degree.

For medical education programs located in the United States, accreditation by the LCME establishes eligibility for selected federal grants and programs, including Title VII funding administered by the U.S. Public Health Service. Most state boards of licensure require that U.S. medical schools granting the MD degree be accredited by the LCME as a condition for licensure of their graduates. Eligibility of U.S. students in MD-granting schools to take the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE (<http://www.usmle.org/>)) requires LCME accreditation of their school. Graduates of LCME-accredited schools are eligible for residency programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME (<http://www.acgme.org/>)).

The University of Colorado School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of Colorado School of Medicine is pleased to announce Accreditation with Commendation by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). Our term expires July 31, 2021.

ACCME accreditation seeks to assure both physicians and the public that continuing medical education activities provided by the University of Colorado School of Medicine meet the high standards of the Essential Areas, Elements and Policies for Accreditation as specified by the ACCME.

The ACCME rigorously evaluates the overall continuing medical education programs of institutions according to standards adopted by all seven sponsoring organizations of the ACCME. These are: the American Board of Medical Specialties; the American Hospital Association; the American Medical Association; the Association for Hospital Medical Education; the Association of American Medical Colleges; the Council of Medical Specialty Societies; and the Federation of State Medical Boards of the U.S., Inc.

The University of Colorado School of Medicine is pleased to join an elite group of organizations in the United States that have been awarded this 6-year accreditation. The Office of Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development offers a full range of continuing medical education courses, printed and other forms of enduring materials, rural outreach, and web-based education to physicians and other healthcare professionals at the University of Colorado, within the State of Colorado, and nationally through partnerships with organizations throughout the U.S. and worldwide.

## Skaggs School of Pharmacy Accreditation

The Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences was fully re-accredited in 2016 for eight years by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), the national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education.

### What is Accreditation?

Accreditation is a voluntary, non-governmental process of external quality review used by higher education to inspect colleges, universities and higher education programs for quality assurance and improvement.

Aside from the promise of overall quality educational opportunities, an institution's accreditation status provides students with the ability to qualify for federal funding and financial aid and to transfer credits to other programs that are also accredited. Accreditation can be required for professional licensure and is extremely appealing to employers.

Like all schools of pharmacy in the U.S., the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), a national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education. ACPE was established in 1932 for the accreditation of pre-service education, and in 1975 its scope of activity was broadened to include accreditation of providers of continuing pharmacy education.

Once accredited, a school or college undergoes periodic renewal reviews. Our school recently underwent a renewal review, spearheaded by Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor David Thompson, PhD, and received a full eight year accreditation by ACPE – the maximum level that a school can attain.

### Obtaining Accreditation

The process of accreditation is quite involved requiring the school to complete several steps in the accreditation process including:

- Preparation and self-examination
- Written self-study report of accomplishments
- Site visit by a team comprised of peer reviewers, and a representative from the accrediting body
- Judgment by the accrediting body
- Continuous review

By accepting accreditation status, a school agrees to uphold the quality standards set by the accreditation organization and agrees to periodically submit to accreditation renewal review.

### More about ACPE

ACPE is an autonomous and independent agency whose board of directors is derived through the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, the American Pharmacists Association, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (three appointments each), and the American Council on Education (one appointment).

Read an abbreviated short version of our accreditation self-study report ([https://pharmacy.cuanschutz.edu/docs/librariesprovider195/default-document-library/cu\\_sspps\\_standards\\_all\\_short.pdf?sfvrsn=553dc5b9\\_4](https://pharmacy.cuanschutz.edu/docs/librariesprovider195/default-document-library/cu_sspps_standards_all_short.pdf?sfvrsn=553dc5b9_4)). To learn more about our school's accreditation status or about the accreditation process, contact ACPE (<https://www.acpe-accredit.org/>).

Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education: <https://www.acpe-accredit.org/faq-item/University-of-Colorado-Anschutz-Medical-Campus-Skaggs-School-of-Pharmacy-and-Pharmaceutical-Sciences-PharmD/>

### School of Dental Medicine Accreditation

The University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation:

<https://www.ada.org/en/coda/find-a-program/search-dental-programs#q=university%20of%20colorado&t=us&sort=%40codastatecitysort%20ascending> (<https://www.ada.org/en/coda/find-a-program/search-dental-programs/#q=university%20of%20colorado&t=us&sort=%40codastatecitysort%20ascending>)

## Colorado School of Public Health Accreditation

The Colorado School of Public Health is the first and only accredited school of public health in the Rocky Mountain West. Accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), the Colorado School of Public Health strives to train and support the public health workforce in Colorado and regionally.

In fulfillment of our mission and vision, our accreditation documentation lays out the goals and measures by which we and the accreditation entity measure our success in providing public health education and research throughout Colorado and the greater Rocky Mountain West.

Opened as a collaborative school in 2008, CEPH first granted school-wide accreditation in October 2010. We were re-accredited in 2016 (see documents below) and are accredited through July 1, 2024. Requests for additional documentation or questions concerning documentation should be submitted to the Colorado School of Public Health via email at [Colorado.SPH@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:Colorado.SPH@cuanschutz.edu) ([colorado.sph@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:colorado.sph@cuanschutz.edu)).

## Accreditation reports

- Self-Study Report Prepared for the Council on Education for Public Health August 2015 ([https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/docs/librariesprovider151/default-document-library/coloradosph-final-self-study-report-august-2015.pdf?sfvrsn=ea6c1ab9\\_2](https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/docs/librariesprovider151/default-document-library/coloradosph-final-self-study-report-august-2015.pdf?sfvrsn=ea6c1ab9_2))
- CEPH Final Report June 2016 ([https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/docs/librariesprovider151/default-document-library/ceph-final-report-june-2016.pdf?sfvrsn=30681ab9\\_2](https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/docs/librariesprovider151/default-document-library/ceph-final-report-june-2016.pdf?sfvrsn=30681ab9_2))

## About CEPH

CEPH is an independent agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit schools of public health and public health programs outside schools of public health. Questions and formal comments concerning the Colorado School of Public Health accreditation process should be directed to:

Council on Education for Public Health (<http://www.ceph.org/>)  
800 Eye Street, NW, Suite 202  
Washington, DC 20001-3710  
Phone: 202.789.1050  
Fax: 202.789.1895

### Anesthesiologist Assistant Accreditation

The University of Colorado Anesthesiologist Assistant Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Committee for the Anesthesiologist Assistant (ARC-AA).

**Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs**  
25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158  
Clearwater, FL 33763  
Phone: 727-210-2350  
[www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org) (<https://www.caahep.org/>)

## Graduate School Accreditation

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## Physical Therapy Program Accreditation

The Physical Therapy Program at University of Colorado is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; 703-706-3245; [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); <http://www.capteonline.org> (<http://www.capteonline.org/>).

If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 303-724-2878 or e-mail [vonelle.kelly@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:vonelle.kelly@cuanschutz.edu)

On November 3, 2020, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) reaffirmed the accreditation status based upon compliance with all of the evaluative criteria. The accreditation status remains in effect for the full 10 year period until 2030 at which time the accreditation status will undergo a self-study report and on-site review.

The University of Colorado Physical Therapy Program is a member of the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy (ACAPT) which supports academic institutions to strive for excellence in physical therapist education. We encourage faculty, clinical educators, academic administrators and students interested in pursuing teaching to check out [acapt.org](http://acapt.org/) (<http://acapt.org/>).

## CHA/PA Physician Assistant Program Accreditation

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (<http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-university-of-colorado/>)(ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the Physician Assistant Program sponsored by the University of Colorado. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards.

Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the Standards. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be in 2026. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy.