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The Councils on Chiropractic Education International

EQUIVALENCE OF THE ACCREDITATION STANDARDS OF CCEI MEMBER ACCREDITING BODIES

Individuals and entities involved with chiropractic education, and in regulatory activities serving the chiropractic profession, have expressed interest in the equivalence of the educational standards implemented by various chiropractic accrediting agencies as they serve to assess and accredit educational programs.

Students are interested in the strength of accreditation assessment, especially in connection with the accreditation status of a program in which they might be enrolled. Students who consider transferring from one educational program to another are interested in the degree to which accreditation standards and related accreditation status indicate the quality one could expect to encounter upon such transfer, and they also are interested in any factor that aids them in transfer situations. Educational programs are interested for similar reasons, particularly with regard to student transfer issues.

Entities that regulate chiropractic practice and address issues of licensure have shown such interest, as have those that focus on testing and assessment of students completing chiropractic educational programs. Their interest in the rigor and quality of accreditation activities is an extension of their unique responsibilities to the profession.

The primary goal of the Councils on Chiropractic Education International (CCEI) is to assure the highest possible quality in chiropractic education around the world, emphasizing effective accreditation based on excellent educational standards. As a condition of membership, the accrediting agencies that are members of CCEI must adhere to and implement accreditation criteria of high quality, as exemplified by the CCEI International Chiropractic Accreditation Standards.

To assure consistency and equivalence among the standards of its member accrediting agencies, CCEI conducts a carefully designed process to assure such outcomes. With mutual approval and endorsement by all of its member agencies, CCEI created and published its International Chiropractic Accreditation Standards. As a condition of membership in CCEI, all member agencies must embrace and adhere to the CCEI International Chiropractic Accreditation Standards as the basis for their accreditation processes and decisions. Thus, the standards of our member agencies encompass the requirements of the CCEI International Chiropractic Accreditation Standards, and CCEI assures compliance and equivalence through regular and ongoing review.

Consequently, CCEI is confident that, through its membership requirements and the strength of its International Chiropractic Accreditation Standards, we provide solid assurance of the equivalence of the accreditation standards of our member agencies. This demonstrated equivalence is of importance first to the member agencies themselves as they strive to assure quality in chiropractic education. To the extent that this verified equivalence is of interest and importance to other individuals and entities in chiropractic as mentioned above, CCEI is pleased to be of service.

To further understanding of the basis for this equivalence, CCEI invites your attention to its International Chiropractic Accreditation Standards and related CCEI policies on equivalence, as provided with this correspondence. Should you or your organization wish additional information about CCEI, its role and its organization, please visit our web site www.cceintl.org or contact us through the CCEI Secretariat.