

COUNCILS OF CHIROPRACTIC EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL CCEI

CCE Australasia
www.ccea.com.au

CFCREAB (Canada)
www.chirofed.ca

CCE United States
www.cce-usa.org

European CCE
www.cce-europe.org

Policy 5 Equivalence of CCEI Member Agency Standards and Degrees Granted by Accredited Entities

Equivalence of Accreditation Standards

The expectations, requirements and processes of educational accrediting agencies, normally stated as "standards", serve as core elements in assessing and assuring educational quality through accreditation. Consequently, effective and credible accrediting bodies consider, approve and state their standards with great care. Accrediting bodies publish their standards to achieve broad awareness and understanding.

As a requirement for membership in the Councils on Chiropractic Education International (CCEI), the CCEI Bylaws note that all member accrediting agencies are required to subscribe to, endorse and implement the International Chiropractic Accreditation Standards and Policies established by CCEI. (CCEI Bylaws, 1.2.2) Furthermore, all CCEI member bodies are required to be "organized to assess and make determinations regarding the quality and content of educational programs that graduate entry-level chiropractic practitioners, as evaluated according to the criteria and processes stated in the International Chiropractic Accreditation Standards adopted by CCEI." (CCEI Bylaws 1.1.1)

Thus, the CCEI International Chiropractic Accreditation Standards are the basis and means for fundamental equivalence in assessment and accreditation of chiropractic education by CCEI member agencies around the world. CCEI undertakes a regular periodic process of review to insure that its International Chiropractic Accreditation Standards are clear, current and appropriately applicable to the roles of chiropractic education accrediting bodies worldwide, and to ensure proper rigor and effective performance in accreditation. This thorough process of review occurs at three-year intervals. (See CCEI Policy #2, Standards Review)

To insure that all member agencies properly adhere to and implement the CCEI International Chiropractic Accreditation Standards as part of their accreditation actions, the published standards of all member agencies are examined to verify consistency with the CCEI International Chiropractic Accreditation Standards before an agency can be admitted to membership in CCEI. All member agency standards are further reviewed on an ongoing basis to assure consistency with the CCEI International Chiropractic Accreditation Standards.

To insure timeliness and accuracy in this review process, a current version of all agency accreditation standards and agency constitutions (articles/bylaws) must be provided and kept on file with CCEI. A copy of any revised version of an agency's standards or constitution must be provided to CCEI immediately upon approval by the member agency, and the member agency must clearly identify all revisions made to the former version. The Executive Committee of CCEI will review all such changes for compliance with CCEI requirements and report its findings to the CCEI Board for discussion and/or action as might be necessary.

CCEI Policy 5, p.2

With all the above as foundation, it is the carefully considered position of CCEI that the standards for accreditation, as published and implemented individually by all CCEI member agencies, are fundamentally equivalent. Their standards are highly effective as the basis and means for assessment and accreditation of chiropractic education by CCEI member agencies around the world. The consistency and quality assurance afforded by this equivalence is a sound basis for confidence in the accreditation practices of all CCEI member agencies. These agencies, along with various entities and individuals associated with the chiropractic profession, benefit from this mutual recognition of their individual accreditation actions.

Equivalence of Degrees Awarded

The Councils on Chiropractic Education International (CCEI) recognizes that, while the tradition in some parts of the world is to issue the professional degree of Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) upon completion of the prescribed curriculum, the tradition in other parts is to issue academic qualifications such as BSc Hons. Chir., MSc Chir., Cand Manu. etc.

CCEI acknowledges that credentials conferred by programs or institutions accredited by CCEI member agencies are issued after completion of equivalent courses of study and are recognized by all CCEI member agencies. CCEI confirms that these credentials represent comparable performance expectations, clinical competencies, and required outcomes for graduation. Therefore, CCEI validates these credentials as equivalent.