



# **California Health Sciences University**

## **COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE (COM)**

### **CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) POLICY**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that California Health Sciences University College of Osteopathic Medicine (CHSU-COM) is providing accredited Continuing Medical Education (CME) opportunities to faculty and preceptors following American Osteopathic Association guidelines.

#### **SCOPE**

This Policy is applicable to the CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine and its medical faculty.

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

CHSU recognizes that access to quality, accredited continuing medical education (CME) is essential for faculty development: to provide opportunities for faculty and preceptors to enhance their knowledge, skills, and abilities in their respective fields; to promote lifelong learning among faculty and preceptors, fostering continuous improvement in osteopathic medical education and healthcare practices; to ensure that faculty and preceptors remain updated on advancements and changes in medical education, medical practices and technology; and to support faculty and preceptors in maintaining and enhancing their professional competence and performance. Accordingly, CHSU will comply with the guidelines and requirements set forth by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) for CME).

CHSU-COM conducts periodic assessments to understand the CME needs of its constituents. As an American Osteopathic Association Continuing Education Provider, CHSU-COM completes a minimum of one AOA 3-hour CME event during the accreditation period set by AOA. At the end



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of the accreditation period, all CME events are submitted for review by the AOA. CHSU-COM updates its CME application and keeps accreditation current.

### RELATED INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

#### A. All CHSU-COM CME events follow AOA standards of execution

1. Proposals are submitted to the CHSU-COM CME Committee for review and disposition
2. Events are to be a minimum of 3-hours duration
3. 50% of content must be provide by a DO
4. Events are free of any bias
5. Recording of AOA CME awarded for such an event follows the current AOA CME policies. Attendees who are not members of the AOA are provided documentation, per the current AOA CME policies, to submit to their regulatory authorities. In this case, it is the attendee's responsibility to submit to their individual authorities.

#### B. Teaching CME provided by on-campus clinical faculty and clerkship preceptors

On-campus clinical faculty and clerkship preceptors are to provide periodic documentation regarding the number of teaching hours provided to CHSU-COM students. AOA category 1 credits are awarded per the current AOA CME policies. Faculty and preceptors who are not members of the AOA are provided documentation, per the current AOA CME policies, to submit to their regulatory authorities. In this case, it is the faculty and preceptor's responsibility to submit to their individual authorities.

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## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

A. Graduate Medical Education (GME) office

## **HISTORY (R\*)**

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**R:** COM Dean

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