

Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) confirms Department of Healthcare Professions' CPD Accreditation program is Substantially Equivalent to the CME program of ACCME, one of the most recognized CME accreditation system in the world.

Effective December 3, 2020, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) determined that the continuing medical education accreditation program of the Department of Healthcare Professions (DHP) is Substantially Equivalent to the continuing medical education accreditation program of the ACCME.

This determination was made after the ACCME's direct observation of the DHP's processes, review of its materials and the survey interview. From this information ACCME found,

1. The DHP maintains an explicit set of accreditation standards that require providers to (a) use educational needs data as the basis for educational planning; (b) measure the effectiveness of their CME activities; (c) ensure CME content meets accepted standards of scientific integrity and is consistent with common and/or local practice; and (d) ensure that activities are free of commercial bias and beyond the control of persons or organizations with commercial interests.

2. The DHP's accreditation decision-making is implemented and based on data and information relevant to the explicit performance requirements itemized in #1 above.

3. The DHP has a mechanism in place which allows for collection, storage and retrieval of the data and information necessary for the administration and evaluation of the accreditation process.

This information, taken together, provided the ACCME with verification of the successful implementation of the DHP's continuing medical education accreditation decision-making process.

This ACCME finding of Substantial Equivalency of the DHP is time limited and expires on December 31, 2024, at which time the continuation of the Substantial Equivalency of the DHP will be determined based on the ACCME's 2024 Substantial Equivalency requirements. The ACCME reserves the right to alter these requirements so that our expectations for you in 2024 may be very different than they are now, in 2020.