



University of Colorado **Anschutz Medical Campus**

Academic Program Review

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Program Review

Due to the unique status and external accreditation and review process of each school on an academic health science campus....

CU Anschutz Medical Campus was exempted from the formal academic program prioritization exercise in 2014.

However, we would like to share the campus/program processes which inform the creation or discontinuation of new programs.



About Us

In addition to the undergraduate BS in Nursing, CU Anschutz Medical Campus offers more than 40 graduate degree programs across six schools:

- *School of Dental Medicine*
- *Graduate School*
- *School of Medicine*
- *College of Nursing*
- *Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences*
- *Colorado School of Public Health*



Accreditation

The academic programs at CU Anschutz undergo specialized accreditation reviews that require self study and external site visit review. These accrediting bodies include:

- *Commission on Dental Accreditation*
- *Liaison Committee on Medical Education*
- *Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education*
- *Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education*
- *Council on Education for Public Health*



Program Reviews

These reviews can consist of examining the program's:

- *Mission*
- *Goals*
- *Curriculum*
- *Operational assessment*
- *Strengths and weaknesses*



Results

School of Medicine

- *Site Visit 2017 – received full accreditation for 8 years*
 - *Need for additional monitoring of diversity/pipeline programs & partnerships*
- *Curriculum renewal rollout Fall 2021*
- *SOM Expanded class size in 2015 with LCME approval at UCCS and received \$3M in annual funding from UCHealth*



- *MS in Physical Therapy was discontinued when a Doctorate of Physical Therapy was introduced and became the standard of practice*
- *CHA/PA was reaccredited in 2016 through 2026 . As a result of a self study, a new curriculum was launched in 2018 that is integrated, longitudinal and based on clinical presentations*

Results

Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

- *Site Visit 2018 – full accreditation for 8 years*
- *PharmD curriculum improved with revision of the sequence of courses*
- *Lead in state opioid addiction prevention programs*



Results

College of Nursing

- *Self study of all programs in January 2019*
- *Undergraduate courses reviewed on a three-year cycle*
- *During the past four years, an in-depth curricular review led to core courses strengthened and a BS to DNP pathway created*



Results

School of Dental Medicine

- September 2015 – last accreditation
- Created a Virtual Reality Suite and a Haptics Technology Suite to provide latest educational technologies

Colorado School of Public Health

- *July 2016 reaccreditation through July 2023*
- *Dual degree options expansion*
- *Master of Public Health concentrations in Health Services Management and Health Services Research were eliminated due to lack of students and overlap*



Results

Graduate School

- *PhD Task Force established Summer 2019 to review the appropriate number of students needed to be recruited. Examples of future considerations include the review of the type and number of PhD programs, tuition structure, and creating master's programs underlying the PhD programs*



New Degree Programs

- *MS Modern Human Anatomy AY2012-13*
- *MS Anesthesiology AY2013-14*
- *MS Biomedical Science and Biotechnology AY2015-16 with two additional tracks in AY2019-20*
- *MS in Palliative Care AY2016-17*
- *MS and PhD Health Economics (partnership with Denver Campus) AY2018-19*
- *MS Clinical Pharmacy AY2019-20*
- *MS Pharmaceutical Sciences AY2019-20*
- *PhD in Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research AY2019-20*



Success of Programs

Number of Degrees Awarded for Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral (Research/Professional)

- 2016-17 – 1418 degrees
- 2017-18 – 1436 degrees
- 2018-19 – 1501 degrees

Retention percentage for Professional doctoral degree programs (MD, DPT, DDS, PharmD & DNP) is maintaining at 98% for last two cohorts





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