



Institutional Accreditation Policy

Scope of This Policy

This policy expresses the position of the COCA on servicing as an institutional accrediting agency.

COCA Action on Institutional Accreditation

As of March 1, 2024, the Commission of Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) will no longer accept applications to serve as the institutional accreditor for any proposed new and developing college of osteopathic medicine (COM).

As of March 1, 2029, institutional accreditation by the COCA will end for all COMs. The COCA will no longer confer eligibility for Title IV Federal HEA programs. Subsequently, regardless of its accreditation status, any COM previously institutionally accredited by the COCA must obtain full institutional accreditation from one of the six USDE recognized institutional accreditors to retain COCA's programmatic accreditation.

Should a COM fail to meet or maintain these eligibility requirements, the COCA will take action to deny or withdraw programmatic accreditation in accordance with its policies and procedures for such action.