What is LCME accreditation?

Medical education programs leading to the MD degree in the United States and Canada are accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). LCME accreditation is a peer-review process of quality assurance that determines whether the program meets established standards. To achieve and maintain accreditation, a medical education program leading to the MD degree must meet the LCME accreditation standards.

Is the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix currently accredited by the LCME?

Yes. The College was accredited with preliminary status in 2012 from the LCME and remains accredited.

What does it mean that the LCME placed the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix on “warning”?

While the College remains accredited, there are some areas raised by the LCME that the College must address and make progress on complying. A progress report is due to the LCME by December 1, 2015.

What are the issues the College needs to address?

There are 120 standards the College must meet for accreditation. Four areas of the 120 were cited and must be addressed. None of the areas cited involved quality of the medical school. The four areas identified by LCME to be addressed were:

- Authority of the Dean
- Clinical partnerships
- Filling vacant chairs
- By-laws amendment for admissions

What is the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix doing to address the issues?

The University takes this very seriously and has engaged PricewaterhouseCoopers, a national consulting firm with great expertise in assisting medical schools with the LCME, to provide assistance with the Progress Report. Additionally, changes already are being made by the College to address the issues.

Does this “warning” negatively impact UA College of Medicine - Phoenix medical students?

This accreditation report has no impact on medical students’ education or their ability to succeed in medical school or residency application. The College remains accredited and the LCME process ultimately helps strengthen the medical school.

The UA College of Medicine – Phoenix is, and will continue to be, an excellent new medical school with immense potential.

Related Information:

- LCME Accreditation
- Medical Student Testimonials
- VIDEO: “Why I Chose This Med School”
- VIDEO: Journey to MD