



## INSTITUTIONAL POLICY: E-02

Category:	Education
Subject:	Accreditation
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### E 02-1. Authority

W. Va. Code § 18B-1-6

### E 02-2. Policy

- 2.1 The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (“WVSOM”) shall comply with the accreditation standards/criteria prescribed by its institutional accreditor, Higher Learning Commission (“HLC”), and its programmatic/specialized accreditor, the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (“AOA COCA”).
- 2.2 WVSOM will comply with the most current accreditation standards/criteria as prescribed in the appropriate agency’s documents as listed below. In all cases, the more stringent accreditation standards/criteria supersede all other accreditation standards/criteria.
  - 2.2.1 Higher Learning Commission: The Criteria for Accreditation (<https://www.hlcommission.org/Criteria-Eligibility-and-Candidacy/criteria-and-core-components.html>)
  - 2.2.2 Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation: COM Accreditation Standards and Procedures (<https://osteopathic.org/accreditation/>)
- 2.3 WVSOM lists its relationship with its accreditors on its webpage at <http://www.wvsom.edu/About/wvsom-accreditation>.
  - 2.3.1 WVSOM places the HLC Mark of Affiliation on its webpage as required, at <http://www.wvsom.edu/About/wvsom-accreditation>. The Mark of Affiliation allows the public to view WVSOM’s affiliation with HLC.
  - 2.3.2 The AOA COCA provides the public with a list of its accredited institutions and its next evaluation date on its webpage at <https://osteopathic.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/colleges-of-osteopathic-medicine.pdf>