

July 9, 2026

Dr. Kimberly Long
Interim President
Kansas Health Science University
217 E. Douglas Avenue
Wichita, KS 67202

Dear Interim President Long:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Kansas Health Science University (KHSU) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting June 26, 2026. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Seeking Accreditation Visit 1 to Kansas Health Science University April 28-May 1, 2026 using the 2023 Standards of Accreditation. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by KHSU prior to the Seeking Accreditation Visit 1 and the institution's May 28, 2026 response to the team report. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and your colleagues Matt Ankenbrandt, CFO; Cherron Hoppes, Interim Chief Administrative Officer; Ronnie Martin, VP of Academic Affairs; and Jennifer Gantz, CFO-TCSES. Your comments were very helpful in informing the Commission's deliberations. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with WSCUC.

Actions

1. Receive the Seeking Accreditation Visit 1 Team Report
2. Grant Initial Accreditation for a period of six years
3. Allow the date of Initial Accreditation to be applied retroactively to May 1, 2026
4. Schedule the next reaffirmation review with the Offsite Review in fall 2031 and the Accreditation Visit in spring 2032
5. Schedule a Special Visit in spring 2029 to address all areas for development in this letter.

Commendations

The Commission commends the institution for:

1. The strength of its commitment to community engagement and serving underserved communities.
2. Collaborative and responsible resource allocation in support of mission-aligned strategic initiatives, with operating results that have consistently exceeded financial projections.

3. Exceptional facilities and systems that support students, faculty, and staff.
4. Leadership changes that have improved the campus climate including transparency, trust, and communication.
5. Strong use of data to strategically inform decisions supporting student success and planning for future initiatives.
6. A collaborative approach to planning and decision-making among leadership teams across the university and at The System level, demonstrated through frequent, well-coordinated consultations.

Areas for Development

The Commission requires the institution to respond to the following areas for development:

1. Further mature the culture of assessment by establishing expectations for student achievement of program and institutional learning outcomes, and the annual collection, review, and dissemination of assessment results reported by degree programs, to inform program development and strategic planning. (CFR 2.3)
2. Continue to develop and operationalize university policies and procedures to increase institutional maturity and to ensure timely responses to grievances. (CFR 1.4)
3. Institute a university level program review process that includes periodic review of degree programs, including analysis of student achievement of the program's learning outcomes, based on established expectations for achievement. (CFR 2.4)
4. Develop additional policies and procedures around the faculty rank promotion and contract renewal process to promote clarity and consistency in decision-making. (CFR 2.8)
5. Continue development of comprehensive academic quality assurance procedures and processes to ensure that aggregated program and institutional learning outcome data are utilized to support curricular improvement and operational effectiveness. (CFR 4.1)

In taking this action to grant Initial Accreditation, the Commission confirmed that Kansas Health Science University completed the institutional review process for Initial Accreditation conducted under the 2023 Standards of Accreditation. In keeping with WSCUC values, Kansas Health Science University should strive for ongoing improvement with adherence to all Standards of Accreditation and their associated CFRs to foster a learning environment that continuously strives for educational excellence and operational effectiveness.

Kansas Health Science University must use the following statement if it wishes to describe its accreditation status publicly:

Kansas Health Science University is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 1080 Marina Village Parkway, Suite 500, Alameda, CA 94501, 510.748.9001.

Federal law requires that the WSCUC address and phone number appear in your catalog.

The accredited status of a program should not be misrepresented. The accreditation granted by WSCUC refers to the quality of the institution as a whole. Because institutional accreditation does not imply specific accreditation of any particular program at the institution, statements such as “this program is accredited” or “this degree is accredited” are incorrect and misleading. The phrase “fully accredited” is also to be avoided, since no partial accreditation is possible.

The Commission stipulated that this action encompassed the degrees offered by Kansas Health Science University at the time of this action, as listed at the end of this letter as the Consolidated List of Currently Offered Degrees. Any proposed new degree programs, off-campus sites, online offerings, and/or changes in governance or ownership require review and approval through the Substantive Change process. Degree programs reviewed and included under this action may be extended to other currently approved campuses of the institution without prior Substantive Change action. Offerings at new locations may need to go through Substantive Change approval, in accordance with the requirements stated in the Substantive Change manual.

Institutions granted Initial Accreditation are required to:

1. Submit an Annual Report in the format required by the Commission.
2. Keep the Commission informed of any significant changes or developments. Any proposed new degree programs, off-campus sites, online offerings, and/or changes in governance or ownership require review and approval through the Substantive Change process.
3. Pay Annual Membership Dues prorated from the date of this action. An Annual Dues statement will be sent under separate cover.

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter is being sent to the chair of Kansas Health Science University’s governing board. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on the Kansas Health Science University’s website and widely distributed throughout the institution to promote further engagement and improvement and to support the institution's response to the specific issues identified in these documents. The team report and the Commission’s action letter will also be posted on the WSCUC website. If the institution wishes to respond to the Commission action on its own website, WSCUC will post a link to that response on the WSCUC website.

Finally, the Commission wishes to express its appreciation for the extensive work that Kansas Health Science University undertook in preparing for and supporting this accreditation review. WSCUC is committed to an accreditation process that adds value to institutions while contributing to public accountability, and we thank you for your continued support of this process. Please contact me if you have any questions about this letter or the action of the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Toyoda', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

A. Maria Toyoda
President

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Cc: Mary Marcy, Commission Chair
Cherron Hoppes, ALO
Vadim Levitin, Board Chair
Members of the Seeking Accreditation Visit 1 team
Christopher Oberg, Executive Vice President

Attachment: Consolidated List of Currently Offered Degrees

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Program Name	Degree Level	Modality
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine	Professional Doctorate	On-site