

Commonly Used Acronyms, Abbreviations & Terms in Health Care Education

AACN	American Association of Colleges of Nursing
AAFP	American Academy of Family Physicians
ABMS	American Board of Medical Specialties
ACCME	Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
ACEhp	Alliance for Continuing Education in the Health Professions (the “Alliance”)
ACEN	Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
ACGME	Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
ACME	Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education
ACP	American College of Physicians
ACPE	Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
ADA	American Dental Association; also Americans with Disabilities Act
AdvaMed	Advanced Medical Technology Association
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHME	Association for Hospital Medical Education
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AMA	American Medical Association
AMA PRA	American Medical Association Physician’s Recognition Award
AMS	Association Management System
ANCC	American Nurses Credentialing Center
AOA	American Osteopathic Association
APA	American Psychiatric Association; also American Psychological Association
APRN	Advanced Practice Nurse
CAM	Complementary and Alternative Medicine
CCNE	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
CE	Continuing Education
CEU	Continuing Education Unit
CHCP	Certified Healthcare CPD Professional
CME	Continuing Medical Education
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CMSS	Council of Medical Specialty Societies
COI	Conflict of Interest
CPD	Continuing (or Continual or Continuous) Professional Development
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EMR	Electron Medical Record
FACEHP	Fellow, Alliance for Continuing Education in the Health Professions
FDA	(U.S. Federal) Food & Drug Administration
FSACME	Fellow, Society for Academic Continuing Medical Education
FSMB	Federation of State Medical Boards
GME	Graduate Medical Education
HEDIS	Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set
HHS	(United States Department of) Health and Human Services
HIPPA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act
IOM	Institute of Medicine
IPE	Interprofessional Education
JCEHP	Journal of Continuing Education in the Health Professions
KOL	Key Opinion Leader

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