



## Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

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**Aaron Thompson, Ph.D.**  
President

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Dr. Burton Webb, President  
University of Pikeville  
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Sent via email: [burtonwebb@upike.edu](mailto:burtonwebb@upike.edu)

Dear President Webb:

In accordance with KRS 164.945 - .947 and 13 KAR 1:020, **University of Pikeville's** license to operate as a postsecondary, in-state institution in Kentucky is hereby amended to include the following program:

- Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) (CIP code 51.0401)

The licensure of this program is conditioned upon the university submitting to CPE:

- quarterly updates regarding its progress toward obtaining final approval from the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), and submitting to CPE once received final approval documentation from CODA;
- quarterly updates concerning construction of the building that the DMD program will be housed in, until such time as the program will be fully operational; and
- verification of compliance with all applicable local, state, or federal safety and fire codes/ documentation from the Fire Marshal etc., for the building that the DMD program will be housed in once obtained.

The first update shall be due to CPE by April 15, 2026.

Once CPE receives assurance that the institution has satisfied these conditions, CPE will remove the institution from conditional license status. A conditional license may not exceed two (2) years. Failure to satisfy the conditions in that time frame may result in revocation of the institution's license or an extension of the conditional license upon request of the institution with supporting justification.

If you have any questions, please contact Jevonda Keith, Executive Director of Postsecondary Licensing, at (502) 892-3031, or email at [Jevonda.Keith@ky.gov](mailto:Jevonda.Keith@ky.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Thompson".

Dr. Aaron Thompson  
President

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