

Continuing Pharmacy Education Announcement:

**Revised definition of Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) approved**

Following a year of review, study and discussion, ACPE approved a revised definition of Continuing Education for the profession of Pharmacy.

This definition entails a more thorough description of CE required by ACPE including differentiation between CPE requirements for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians and the addition of a topic designator for Patient Safety (05).

Per the ACPE email release of the new Definition on January 29, 2007, specific changes are as follows:

For Pharmacists:

A "P" designation in the Universal Program Number that is assigned to each CE activity targeted for pharmacists, including pharmacist-specific performance objectives for each CE activity.

Guidance for planning Pharmacist CPE activities may be based upon:

- a. Institute of Medicine's five core areas all health care professionals should develop and maintain proficiency;
- b. American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's (AACP) Center for the Advancement of Pharmaceutical Education (CAPE) contemporary educational outcomes needed to prepare pharmacists for their evolving role in meeting patient and public health needs;
- c. National Association of Boards of Pharmacy redefined Blueprint for the pharmacist licensing exam;
- d. Future Vision of Pharmacy Practice by the Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners (JCPP, executive directors of eleven professional pharmacy organizations).

For Pharmacy Technicians:

A "T" designation in the Universal Program Number that is assigned to each CE activity targeted for pharmacy technicians, including pharmacy technician-specific performance objectives for each CE activity.

Guidance for planning Pharmacy Technician CPE activities may be based upon:

a. Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's Practice Analysis of pharmacy technicians

Implementation and Evaluation Timeline:

Definition implemented ("P", "T" and 05 designations): August 1, 2007

Transition period: August 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007

Providers evaluated by new definition: January 1, 2008 (all CPE activities conducted/released on or after this date)

For more information regarding the Revised definition of Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE), please [click here](#).

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