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ACPE Grants Program Certification to Pharmacy Degree Programs in India, Northern Cyprus and Saudi Arabia

Chicago, IL – The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) is pleased to announce that certification has been granted to three pharmacy degree programs in countries outside the United States. The programs of Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara University's Colleges of Pharmacy in India, Near East University's Faculty of Pharmacy in Northern Cyprus, and King Faisal University's College of Clinical Pharmacy in Saudi Arabia were approved by ACPE in June. International certification is based on the application of the [International Quality Criteria for Certification of Professional Degree Programs in Pharmacy](#) ("Quality Criteria") and follows an on-site evaluation, consideration by the ACPE International Commission, and final review and approval by the ACPE Board of Directors.

The **Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara College of Pharmacy** was founded in 1973. In May 2008, the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, recognized JSS University, officially uniting the Medical, Dental, and Pharmacy Colleges. JSS Colleges of Pharmacy offer BPharm, PharmD, PharmD (Post Baccalaureate), MPharm in twelve specializations, and PhD programs. "We would like to convey our appreciation and gratitude to the ACPE Board of Directors and the International Commission for their support, encouragement, and guidance through the process of international PharmD program certification. As a result of this process, our faculty is collaborating more and sharing best practices to advance the quality of our programs," commented Dr. B. Suresh, Vice Chancellor.

Near East University's Faculty of Pharmacy was established in 2006, admitting its first class of students in the MPharm program in 2007. The Faculty of Pharmacy building was specifically designed to meet the needs of pharmacy education and is equipped with modern technology. Since the inception of the Faculty, three classes have graduated from the MPharm program. Prof. Dr. Rümeyssa DEMİRDAMAR, Dean remarked, "We now consider all of our education in terms of quality criteria. The ACPE certification process has changed our understanding of pharmacy education for the better."

King Faisal University was founded in 1975 and established a PharmD program in 2002. Approximately 360 PharmD students enroll each year. The College has relationships with 14 local hospitals and 2 community pharmacy chains as training sites. According to Dr. Ibrahim A. Alhaider, Dean, College of Clinical Pharmacy, "Certification by ACPE has paved the way to strengthen our PharmD program and receive international recognition. Consequently, our PharmD graduates will have better opportunities to compete with the PharmD graduates from various parts of the world."

The ACPE Board of Directors established the International Services Program in January 2011 to offer services to stakeholders outside of the United States who seek guidance related to quality assurance and advancement of pharmacy education. ACPE program certification serves to verify that professional degree programs are designed and implemented in accordance with ACPE's International Quality Criteria. The certification process is distinct from accreditation and does not infer or grant eligibility for licensure or registration to practice as a pharmacist in any jurisdiction. Additional information about the ACPE's international services may be found at <https://www.acpe-accredit.org/international/>.

About the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education

ACPE is the national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education. In collaboration with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, ACPE accredits pharmacy technician education and training programs. ACPE also offers evaluation and certification of professional degree programs internationally. The mission of ACPE is to assure and advance excellence in education for the profession of pharmacy. ACPE is an autonomous and independent agency whose Board of Directors is derived through the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP), the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), and the American Council on Education (ACE). To learn more about ACPE, visit www.acpe-accredit.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#).

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