



Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Newsletter



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You may access CPD newsletters and other information about Continuing Professional Development on the [ACPE website](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact [ACPE staff](#) with questions related to Continuing Professional Development. Reach us by phone at 312.664.3575.

1. January 2024 Board Meeting - CPD Program Submissions Now Open!

During the January 2024 Board Meeting, the ACPE Board of Directors reviewed CPD-related initiatives and education planned for 2024. As of January 1st, submissions for the CPD accreditation pathway are now open! Providers will be able to award CPD units (CPDUs) for the completion of activities reflective of CPD cycle components.

ACPE defines CPD as: “a self-directed, ongoing, systematic and outcomes-focused approach to lifelong learning that is applied into practice.” While continuing pharmacy education (CPE) is a component of CPD, CPD involves formal planning and active participation in learning activities that assist individuals in developing and maintaining competence, enhancing their professional practice, and supporting achievement of their career goals.

Documents to guide providers interested in submitting a CPD program are available on the ACPE website: <https://www.acpe-accredit.org/continuing-professional-development/>

2. CPD Case Study Series: Episode 1 - CPD in APPE Experiences

In Episode 1 of the CPD Case Study Series, hear from Dr. Kelsey Frederick, Dr. Janet Cooley, and Dr. Suzanne Larson as they share resources and describe incorporating the CPD process into Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs)!



A Continuing Professional Development Program:
Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences
to Develop Practice-Ready Graduates:
Three Institutions' Experiences

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<https://cpdappe.weebly.com/>

3. 2024 Educational Opportunities

ACPE at Society of Academic Continuing Medical Education (SACME) 2024!

ACPE staff will be at the Society of Academic Continuing Medical Education (SACME) 2024 annual meeting in San Diego, CA from March 10th-13th. Staff and Glen Baumgart, PhD (ACPE CPD Advisory Committee member) will be presenting a poster on the new CPD accreditation program, titled: *The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education's Continuing Professional Development Program Accreditation Pathway A New Approach for U.S. Pharmacist Continuing Education and Development*. We encourage providers attending SACME to stop by to discuss CPD in pharmacy education and the CPD program application process!

CPD Application Webinars and Resources

ACPE staff have posted educational webinars on the ACPE website, providing information on the rubric for CPD program evaluation and expectations surrounding policies and procedures for CPD programs. Links to application materials and educational resources can be found below.

Application Materials

- [CPD Program Rubric](#)
- [Policies & Procedures](#)

CPD Education

- [Examples of CPD for Providers and Pharmacy Learners](#)
- [CPD Accreditation Pathway Information Webinar](#)

ACPE CPE Conference 2024

Mark your calendars, the ACPE CPE Conference is back! The ACPE CPE Commission and staff are planning “**ACPE CPE 2024 Conference**” to take place **November 18-20, 2024 at the ACPE Office in Chicago!** The conference will include an opportunity to attend a CPE Administrator Workshop or CPD Workshop, in addition to keynotes, workshop sessions, and round tables focused on specific ACPE Standards and hot topics in CPE. In addition, you will have an opportunity to be informed of ACPE Updates and to discuss and share approaches to advance CE and CPD through engagement with peer providers. We are planning to have workshops to choose from that will stimulate discussion, enhance your CPE program, and meet the needs of pharmacist and pharmacy technician learners. Further details coming soon!

More information and additional educational opportunities coming soon!

4. ACPE CPD Platform (*My CPD*)

Developed as an expansion of CPE Monitor[®], a collaborative service from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) and ACPE, CPE Monitor[®] Plus is a subscription service designed to support pharmacists’ maintenance of licensure and continuing professional development. Subscribers can:

- Develop and track CPD cycles, including CPE and additional activities which contribute to CPD.
- Keep track of CPE requirements and deadlines with notifications and alerts.
- Upload non-ACPE accredited continuing education (CE) credit to relevant state licenses.
- Generate reports of CE activity for current licensure period or custom data range.
- Create personal development plans, document CE and non-CE learning activities, and demonstrate the impact of learning in practice using the CPD platform.

Available via the CPE Monitor[®] Plus mobile app or web browser, the CPD platform (*My CPD*) provides a user-friendly interface to help set the direction of one’s professional development and keep it going over time. It can aid in demonstrating that competencies are kept current; providing a record of professional development which can be shared to fulfill employment or regulatory requirements; and directing career goals or supporting career change.

ACPE has recently made improvements to the platform, including the option to upload completed CPD portfolios, upload specific activities within each stage or component of the CPD cycle, and added additional prompts to encourage reflection and application of learning to practice. To access the CPD platform, upgrade to CPE Monitor[®] Plus [HERE](#). Further information about *My CPD*, including a User Guide, can be found on the [CPD Platform section](#) of the ACPE website. Additional CPD resources can be found on the [CPD webpage](#).

5. CPD Implementation – Share Your Experiences

If you have been involved in putting models of self-directed lifelong learning into action or advancing CPD in the profession, your contribution is highly valued. ACPE is interested in learning about your strategies, practices, and outcomes in promoting self-directed lifelong learning. Submission of approaches to CPD implementation can be submitted to cpdinfo@acpe-accredit.org. ACPE will work with contributors to share their stories, tips, and tools in a variety of formats.

Interested in implementing CPD within your organization or institution? ACPE can offer guidance and education on integrating the concepts and components CPD for the professional development of pharmacists, student pharmacists, and/or technicians. Please contact [ACPE staff](#) for more information.

6. Recent CPD-Related Publications

Fowlis N, Barnett N, Banks S, et al. A qualitative evaluation of weekly reflective practice sessions for the intensive care unit pharmacy team during the COVID-19 pandemic. *European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy*. 2024;31:57-62. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/ejhpharm-2021-003164>

Using reflective practice with ICU pharmacists to provide an account of experiences during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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