

# 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 2023 Board Meeting-CPD Initiatives Approved

During the June 2023 Board Meeting, the ACPE Board of Directors approved ACPE Continuing Professional Development Accreditation Program Policies and Procedures Manual: A Guide for Providers. These policies and procedures will serve as a guide and resource for providers who are seeking CPD program accreditation. Providers with and without an ACPE-accredited CPE program are eligible to submit CPD programs for consideration. Submissions will be accepted starting January 1st, 2024.

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

**now available on the ACPE website**: https://www.acpe-accredit.org/continuing-professional-development/

## 2. ACPE CPD Platform (My CPD)

Developed as an expansion of CPE Monitor<sup>®</sup>, a collaborative service from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) and ACPE, CPE Monitor<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 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 to fulfill employment or regulatory requirements; and directing career goals or supporting career change.

ACPE intends continued enhancements to *My CPD* to address the needs of users and other stakeholders. 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**.

## 3. 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.

#### 4. Recent CPD-Related Publications

Cooksey K, Mailig M, Kieser M, Martin B, Margolis A. Impact of an online pharmacy precepting-focused continuing professional development program.

Curr Pharm Teach Learn. 2023 Jul 3:S1877-1297(23)00156-9. doi: 10.1016/j.cptl.2023.06.019. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 37407403.

An online continuing professional development (CPD) program for pharmacy preceptors had a positive impact on clinical teaching, with skill development most commonly identified in communication/education skills, student/teacher connection, and educational resource development.

## 5. Upcoming Educational Opportunities

### **ACPE Summer/Fall 2023 Events for CPE Providers**

#### ACPE at AACP 2023!

ACPE staff will be at AACP 2023 and are hosting a Q and A session on Sunday July 23rd, 2023 from 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM GMT following the session described below. We encourage providers attending AACP to attend this session and ACPE staff will be available immediately following the session to discuss the CPD accreditation pathway.

Sunday July 23rd

11:30 a.m.-Noon GMT

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Credits: A New Approach to Continuing Education

Practice Transformation; Curricular Design / Teaching Strategies

In January 2023, the ACPE Board of Directors approved criteria for organizations to develop a Continuing Professional Development Program (CPD). In addition, A Model for Continuing Professional Development Credit was approved. Implementation of the CPD criteria and credit framework is planned for January

2024. During this session, attendees will receive updates on proposed CPD policies and procedures and discuss how CPD Credits could be implemented at their college of pharmacy, especially rewarding CPD Credits for pharmacy faculty instruction and research. Preceptor models for CPD Credit will also be discussed.

At the completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- 1. Define the concept and cycle of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Credits as a method of live-long learning.
- 2. Develop a roadmap describing the processes and documentation for implementing a CPD Credit program for faculty learners.

(Speaker) Glen Baumgart, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Continuing Professional Education, The University of Texas at Austin; (Speaker) Jodie Malhotra, Pharm.D., BCPS, Director of Practitioner and International Development, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

#### **ACPE CPD Webinar**

ACPE is holding a free virtual webinar from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM CST on September 12th, 2023 to provide information on the CPD program accreditation pathway. The webinar will be live; however, a recording of the webinar will be made available on the ACPE website. For those interested in learning more, please register at the link:

**CPD Webinar Registration** 

## **CPE Administrator Workshop**

ACPE is holding a virtual CPE Administrator Workshop September 19th and 20th, 2023, providing information on CPE standards, policies, and procedures. This workshop will also incorporate aspects of CPD for providers and the learners they serve. The fee for this workshop is \$375. Register at the following link: **CPE Administrator Workshop** 





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