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Dear Pharmacy Dean,

ACPE was recently contacted by a school inquiring if online platforms that allow an applicant to upload a short video of themselves answering 1 or more interview questions would be acceptable to meet the interview requirement of Standard 16, Key Element 16.7, which states, Standardized interviews (in-person, telephonic, and/or computer-facilitated) of applicants are conducted as a part of the admission process to assess affective domain characteristics (i.e., the Personal and Professional Development domain articulated in Standard 4).

As described, a pre-recorded video would not meet the expectations outlined in the Standard. A pre-recorded video could be used in conjunction with an interactive session with an interviewer but it cannot be the only modality used to assess an applicant.

To be in compliance with the Standard, an admission interview must be an interactive exchange between the applicant and the interviewer. Admission interviews are conducted by faculty members, preceptors, or professional staff, and are held either on campus, in an off-site location, or using telephonic or videoconferencing technology. Current pharmacy students may participate in applicant interviews under the guidance of the aforementioned individuals as long as adherence to FERPA mandates is assured by college or school admission administrators. To foster inter-rater reliability, interviewers receive training in the method that the college or school has chosen for standardization of the interview process.

As other pharmacy programs may have had this question regarding admissions interviews, we thought it might be useful to send out this information to all colleges and schools of pharmacy.

As always, we welcome your inquiries about this or any issue where we can be of assistance. If you have any questions, please contact us at csinfo@acpe-accredit.org and we will be glad to answer them.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet P. Engle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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