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### **ACPE Signs Memorandum of Affiliation (MOA) with CHEA International Quality Group (CIQG)**

**Chicago, IL** – On July 21, 2017, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) and Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) International Quality Group (CIQG) signed a Memorandum of Affiliation (MOA) to signify their respective commitments to the seven international quality principles of CIQG. These principles include:

1. *Quality and higher education providers:* Assuring and achieving quality in higher education is the primary responsibility of higher education providers and their staff
2. *Quality and students:* The education provided to students must always be of high quality whatever the learning outcomes pursued
3. *Quality and society:* The quality of higher education provision is judged by how well it meets the needs of society, engenders public confidence and sustains public trust
4. *Quality and government:* Governments have a role in encouraging and supporting quality higher education
5. *Quality and accountability:* It is the responsibility of higher education providers and quality assurance and accreditation bodies to sustain a strong commitment to accountability and provide regular evidence of quality
6. *Quality and the role of quality assurance and accreditation bodies:* Quality assurance and accreditation bodies, working with higher education providers and their leadership, staff and students, are responsible for the implementation of processes, tools, benchmarks and measures of learning outcomes that help to create a shared understanding of quality
7. *Quality and change:* Quality higher education needs to be flexible, creative and innovative, developing and evolving to meet students' needs, to justify the confidence of society and to maintain diversity

As part of the MOA, ACPE agrees to promote these Principles, work with other higher education stakeholders to promote a shared understanding of quality based on the seven *Principles*, share information regularly on the promotion and implementation of the *Principles* and engage, when feasible, in joint activities with a view to sharing effective policies and practices in areas of common interest.

According to Mike Rouse, BPharm (Hons), MPS, ACPE Assistant Executive Director, Professional Affairs and Director, International Services, “ACPE is pleased to engage jointly with CIQG to engage in programs and activities that assure quality in higher education. These quality Principles align with both the mission and vision of ACPE and the specific focus of the International Services Program.”

### **About the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education**

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](#) and its International Services Program, visit [www.acpe-accredit.org](http://www.acpe-accredit.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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