Instructions for Obtaining Branch and Pathway Specific Data for May 2020 Graduates’ Performance on NAPLEX®

As a component of its evaluation of accredited professional degree programs in pharmacy, ACPE monitors the performance of graduates on nationally standardized examinations, such as NAPLEX®. Furthermore, ACPE, through its accreditation standards, policies and procedures, requires assurance and evidence of comparability of outcomes when a program is offered across multiple branches, campuses, or pathways to degree completion. Whether students complete their entire program on different campuses or only a portion thereof, for each graduating class or cohort, colleges or schools that have multiple branches, campuses, or pathways are required to provide the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) with a list of student names and the respective branch, campus or pathway designation to facilitate the analysis and comparison of graduates’ performance on NAPLEX®.

Following receipt of the required information, NABP will analyze NAPLEX candidate data and provide the college or school and ACPE with aggregate (i.e., non-student-specific) examination data for first-time candidates for the test window in question. The report will contain the following data in two sections: (i) for all graduates, and (ii) for each branch, campus, or pathway:

- number of candidates testing
- the passing rate (%)
- the mean scaled score
- the mean scores for content areas 1, 2

Additionally, the report will state:

- the mean passing rate for all schools and colleges (national)
- the mean passing rate minus two times the standard deviation (SD)

The school or college’s request must be made in writing (email) to NABP by March 31, 2021, and be accompanied by a spreadsheet with three columns of data, as follows:

- the candidate’s last name
- the candidate’s first name
- the associated branch, campus, or pathway

The request should be submitted electronically via email to Andrew Dedes adedes@nabp.pharmacy and Thomas Benjamin tbenjamin@nabp.pharmacy. NABP will provide a report to the college or school; the report will be copied to ACPE.

The analysis provided by NABP will be reviewed by the Members of the ACPE Board of Directors at their June 2021 meeting. In accordance with ACPE’s Annual Monitoring Policies and Procedures, follow-up action will be initiated with any applicable colleges and schools if the Members of the Board have concerns regarding the comparability of performance of graduates from different branches, campuses, or pathways. If a college or school does not receive a letter from ACPE, no additional action is required.