**What is ACPE?**

Founded in 1932, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) is the United States-based agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education. **ACPE's mission is to assure and advance excellence in education for the profession of pharmacy.**

ACPE is an autonomous, independent and not-for-profit agency whose Board of Directors is appointed by:
- American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)
- American Pharmacists Association (APhA)
- National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP)
- American Council on Education (ACE)

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**ACPE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM**

Quality Pharmacy Education — A Global Necessity

Educación Farmacéutica de Calidad — Una Necesidad Global

Formation Pharmaceutique de Qualité — Une Exigence Mondiale

جودة التعليم الصيدلي — ضرورة عالمية
WHAT IS THE ACPE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM?

The ACPE International Services Program (ISP) offers consultation, training, and program certification to international stakeholders who seek guidance related to quality assurance and advancement of pharmacy education.

The expertise, global perspectives, staff resources, and formal processes within the ISP support international stakeholders to advance pharmacy education and quality in their respective countries.

The activities and programs of the International Services Program are supported and guided by the International Commission (IC), which is appointed by the ACPE Board of Directors, and the ISP Advisory Group, whose expert members are drawn from all around the world.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM MISSION:

Promote, assure, and advance the quality of pharmacy education internationally to improve patient care through safe and effective medication use.

WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY THE ACPE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM?

PROGRAM CERTIFICATION
ACPE quality criteria may be voluntarily adopted by degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education outside of the United States. Policies and procedures for application, evaluation, and certification will be similar to, and as rigorous as, those applied in the United States.

CONSULTATION
Consultation is offered in a broad range of areas related to quality assurance and advancement of pharmacy education, including:

- Professional degree programs
- Continuing education/continuing professional development
- In-service training
- Post-graduate credentials for pharmacists
- Quality assurance systems/development of quality standards

Consultation may also be provided in broader areas of care delivery and pharmacy practice. ACPE will engage appropriate experts from the United States and other countries for each consultation team.

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS
ACPE training programs include topics such as evaluator training, preparation of self-studies, assessment, curricular development, continuing professional development, and standards development. Training programs can also be developed and customized to meet the needs of specific international stakeholders.

LONG TERM PROJECTS
The ISP is uniquely positioned to assist clients who have needs related to improving the quality of pharmacy education. These longer-term activities often extend beyond the scope of typical consultation and offer targeted, international expert consultation that provides a breadth and depth of knowledge and experience on key issues.

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WHY ARE THESE SERVICES NEEDED?
Throughout the world, pharmacists’ roles are evolving to meet public health demands, especially with regard to safe and effective medication use. This trend is driving governments and academic institutions to re-evaluate pharmacy education and the methods for measuring, assuring, and improving quality. ACPE recognizes that many global health-related goals will not be achieved until the quality of higher education is improved and capacity of health care professionals is expanded.

There is a steady and growing demand from international stakeholders, including governments, professional organizations, quality assurance bodies, providers of continuing education, and schools of pharmacy, who are looking to ACPE for guidance in developing systems and strategies to assure and improve quality in pharmacy education.

Through the ISP, ACPE can help institutions and countries improve the quality of their pharmacy education, their pharmacy services, and ultimately, the delivery of care to patients. ACPE aims to assist countries in their efforts to improve the knowledge and skills of their pharmacists and enhance and expand local resources where needed, thereby contributing to improved patient and population health care outcomes.