




ACPE: Organizational Update





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Today's Agenda

- Introduction
- Colleges/Schools
 - January 2026 Board Meeting Outcomes
- Continuing Pharmacy Education Update
- International Services Program
- Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission



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Some background...

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ACPE – What do we do?

- **ACPE Accredits:**
 - **Professional degree programs** (1932)
 - US Department of Education recognition, since 1952
 - Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) recognition, since 2004
 - **Providers of continuing pharmacy education** (1975)
 - Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education™ (founded with Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education [ACCME] and American Nurses Credentialing Center [ANCC]) (2009)
 - CPD Provider Accreditation (2024)
 - **Pharmacy technician programs** (2015)
 - Collaboration with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists
- **ACPE Internationally-accredits:**
 - **Professional degree programs** outside the USA and its territories (2011)

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Current State of College/School Accreditation



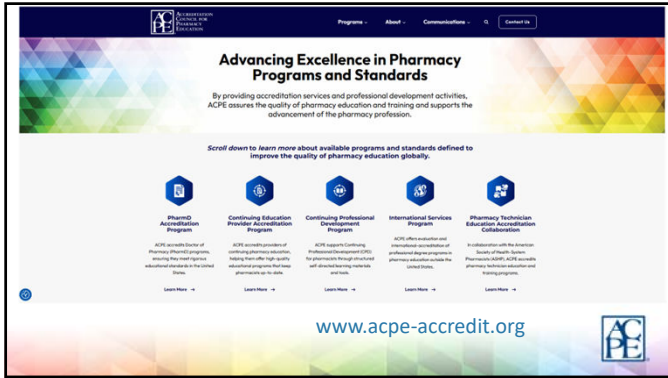
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Spring 2026 Status – By the numbers

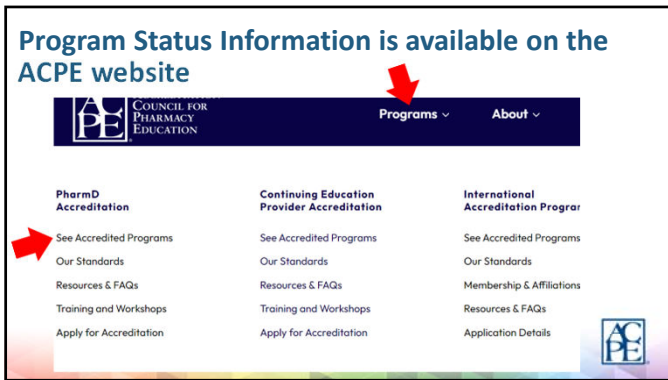
Status	Number
Accredited	139
Accredited and on probation	2
Candidate status	1
Precandidate status	0
Programs under Teach Out Plans	1
Programs with approved online pathway	16
Extended pathway (campus-based)	3
Programs with accelerated curriculum	25



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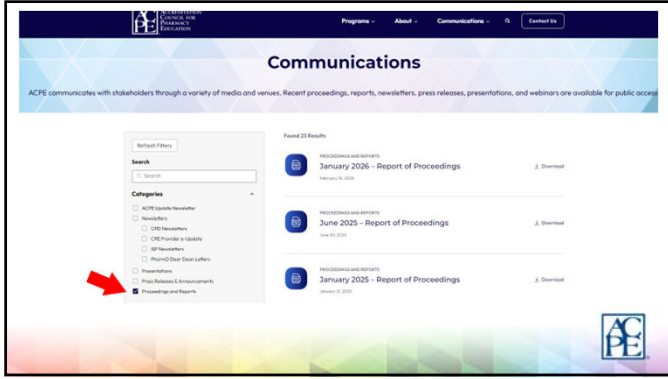
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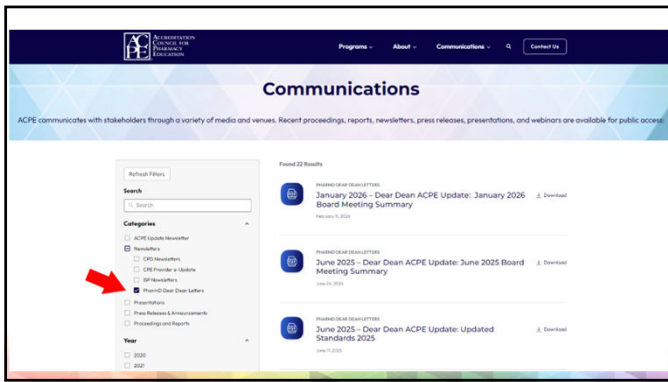
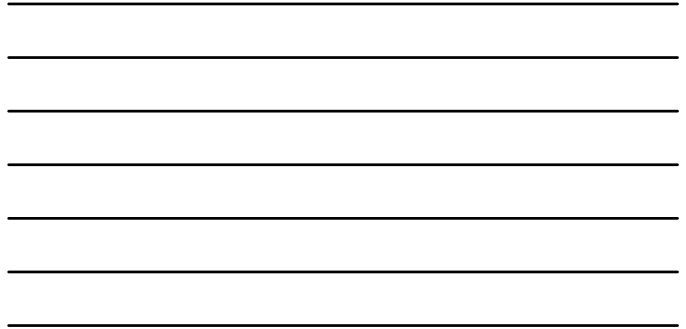
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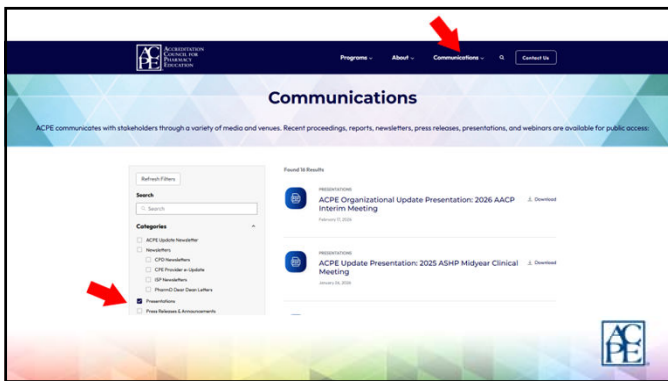
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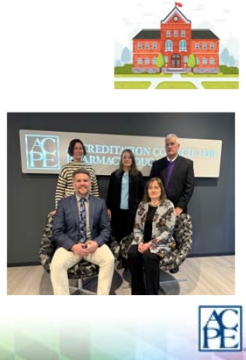


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Spring 2026 Site Visits

- ACPE site visits in spring 2026
 - 7 comprehensive visits
 - 10 focused visits
 - 49 site team members!
 - All volunteers



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2025 Domestic Site Visits

- ACPE site visits in 2025
 - 18 comprehensive visits
 - 17 focused visits
 - 1 visit to explore a complaint
 - 105 site team members!!
 - All volunteers



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Update from January 2026 ACPE Board Meeting



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January 2026 Board Meeting

- Board reviewed (colleges/schools):
 - 4 comprehensive evaluations for continued accreditation status (ETRs/ARs)
 - 3 focused visit evaluations (ETR/AR)
 - 32 Interim Reports
 - 75 Substantive changes
 - 6 Annual Monitoring responses
 - 25 complaints processed
 - 24 programs with a 10% decrease in annual budget
 - 48 programs reporting a net loss in annual budget for 2 consecutive years with 19 letters sent



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January 2026 Board Meeting

- Post Board meeting, ACPE colleges/schools staff sent out 395 documents



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Enrollment

- Enrollment data from AACCP was delayed; Board received data from 2024 in fall 2025
- From the data that was provided, the Board noted that enrollment remains dynamic; seeing large swings in numbers for some programs
- ACPE is reminding programs that ACPE must be adequately informed regarding enrollment fluctuations, regardless of prior enrollment targets, greater than 20% as outlined in Policy 12, Substantive Changes
- Starting summer 2026, ACPE will begin collecting enrollment data



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Branch Campuses and Alternate Pathways

- ACPE Board monitors outcomes data including progression, NAPLEX pass rates, and enrollment for all branch campuses and alternate pathways.
- Per policy 11.6 and Standard 7.3.e, it is the expectation of ACPE that the outcome expectations for all pathways and campuses are comparable.



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Faculty Strength and Expertise



- National declines in applications and enrollment have led to decreases in program resources including faculty composition and strength
- ACPE stresses the need to ensure resources including faculty strength are maintained to meet program needs
 - Standards 10,18,19 require a sufficient cohort of faculty with academic credentials and expertise to deliver the curriculum
- To aid the Board in monitoring faculty cohorts including adjunct faculty at each program, *reporting on current faculty cohorts and expertise was added to the annual monitoring policy in July 2025*

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Faculty Strength and Expertise



- All 142 programs responded (100% response rate), with 71 public and 71 private institutions. Of the 142 programs, the average number of FTEs for Pharmacy Practice, Pharmaceutical Sciences and other departments totaled 40.86 FTEs with vacancies approximately 2.42.
- Historically, ACPE has recommended developing programs plan to employ 25 faculty to meet the expectations of the accreditation standards.
- At this time, there are 40 programs that have less than 25 faculty. Although some have very low enrollment so their student to faculty ratio is equal to or higher than 10:1, it is difficult to meet the Standards with a small faculty cohort.



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Faculty Strength and Expertise



- The full spectrum of faculty expectations for didactic and experiential instruction, as well as scholarly research within the credentialed discipline, are considered in determining compliance with the appropriate standards.
- The Board reviewed faculty addendums provided by programs to determine faculty coverage of topics in Appendix 1 of the Standards. Programs will receive a letter to provide additional faculty information if the Board was unable to determine appropriate credentials for Appendix 1 topics.



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Standards Readiness Reports



- Programs, without a comprehensive visit in fall 2025, responded to five questions regarding plans for compliance with Standards 2025
- One hundred and thirty six responses were reviewed and summarized into a 2-3 page letter detailing plans to meet specific aspects of Standards 2025
- We appreciated programs compliance with this request
- A summary of the responses is available in the recent "Dear Dean" letter



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Standards Clarification



- Can a resident be the "preceptor of record" for an IPPE or APPE rotation?
 - The Board has determined that a resident can serve as the preceptor of record if allowed by state regulations AND the resident is licensed to practice in the state. However, the Board cautions that it may be advisable to have a faculty member supervising the resident's precepting duties especially as it relates to assigning grades.
- Can a pediatric ambulatory care APPE meet the requirements for the core ambulatory care APPE?
 - The Board has determined that an ambulatory care experience in pediatrics does meet the requirements for the required core ambulatory care APPE.



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Changes in Annual Monitoring (NAPLEX) - Reminder



- At the June 2025 meeting, the Board approved an update to policy 11.6.1, Changes and Trends in NAPLEX Outcomes, that also identifies a bright line of 60% for NAPLEX pass rate in addition to the two standard deviation threshold
- The program’s NAPLEX pass rates among first-time test takers must equal or exceed ACPE’s benchmark calculated as the national average minus two standard deviations OR 60% whichever is greater.

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Changes in Annual Monitoring



- As of June 2024, the Board reviews trends in the overall number of first-time test takers failing the NAPLEX examination at each program.
- Programs with a large number of failures (defined as >30), yet still having an overall passing rate above the two standard deviation or 60% threshold, may be asked to identify the causes of such failures and provide action plans for reducing the number of first-time test takers failing the examination.



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Annual Monitoring

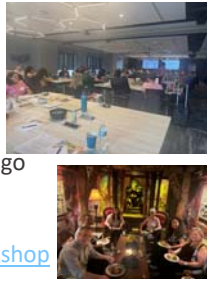


- Within any seven-year period (policy 11.6.1.a): if the passing rate below 2SD or 60% whichever is greater
 - 1st year : *letter* sent requiring root cause analysis for poor performance and action plan for improvement
 - 2nd year: *focused on-site evaluation* to explore program’s compliance with accreditation standards
 - 3rd year: program requested to *meet* with ACPE Board of Directors
 - 4th year: program subject to *probationary* action
 - 5th year: program subject to *withdrawal* of accreditation

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Self-Study Workshops

- August 11-12, 2026
- September 8-9, 2026
- Maximum 45 participants each
- Both will be held in ACPE's office in Chicago
- Deadline for registration is July 1, 2026
- Registration link: <https://acpe-accredit.formstack.com/forms/2026sswkshop>



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Outcomes of the January 2026 Board Meeting

- Discussed academic year job placement data

	AY 2024	AY 2023	AY 2022	AY 2021	AY 2020	AY 2019
Response Rate	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
# Graduates	11,582	12,792	13,836	14,453	14,411	14,805
Engaged in the profession (employed or post-grad educ/training)	81.25%	80.95%	80.76%	79.28%	76.42%	79.33%
Lost to follow-up	18.02%	17.29%	18.23%	18.76%	21.91%	19.79%



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ACPE celebrated 50 years of the CPE Provider Accreditation Program
1975 - 2025



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ACPE Continuing Pharmacy Education Commission (CPEC) - 2026

- Elliott M. Sogol, PhD, RPh, FAPHA, Director Postgraduate and Continuing Education, University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy - Chair
- Tim Jacobs, PharmD, BCPPS, Program Manager, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee – Vice Chair
- Richard Breenen, PharmD, BCNSP, BCPS, Assistant Dean of Student Services and Experiential Education and Associate Professor, South College School of Pharmacy
- Mary Bridgeman, PharmD., BCPS, BCGP, FCCP, FASCP, FNAP, Clinical Professor, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, Rutgers, The State of University of New Jersey
- Stacy Bruce, PharmD, BCPS, Pharmacist Therapeutic Policy Management, Regulatory and Compliance, Continuing Pharmacy Education Administrator, UAB Medicine, UAB Hospital Department of Pharmacy
- Holly Byrnes, PharmD, BCPS, Senior Director, National Meetings Education, Office of Professional Development and Publishing, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists
- Keith J. DelMonte, PharmD, Director of Experiential Education and Continuing Professional Education, Wegmans School of Pharmacy St. John Fisher University
- Karissa Kim, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP, Professor-Educator, Division of Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Sciences, Director, Office of Continuing Pharmacy Education, University of Cincinnati, James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy
- Sarah Pagenkopf, PharmD, BCPS, Director of Professional and Educational Services, Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin
- Lisa McDonald Reyes, MPH, Associate Director of Continuing Education, University of Southern California School of Pharmacy
- Kathy Schott, PhD, Vice President, Operations for CEImpact, a pharmacy education company
- Vacancy (State Pharmacy Association)
- Board Liaison: Kathy M. Campbell, PharmD, Clinical Community Pharmacist, Clinical Care Pharmacy of Owasso, Inc. Practitioner



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Accredited Providers - 2026

	ACPE Continuing Pharmacy Education Provider Accreditation	Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional CE	ACPE Continuing Professional Development Accreditation
Accredited Providers	252	201	4
Commendation	10	48	N/A
Probation	1	1	0
Inactive Status	2	N/A	N/A



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Activities and Learners - January – December 2025

	ACPE Continuing Pharmacy Education Provider Accreditation	Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional CE	ACPE Continuing Professional Development Accreditation (Implemented 2024)
Total Individual Universal Activity Numbers – UANs (total repeated activities)	35,634 (59,409)	32,868 (116,007)	29
Knowledge	26,434 (74%)	29,596 (90%)	n/a
Application	9,118 (25%)	3,241 (9%)	n/a
Certificate Programs	83 (1%)	31 (1%)	n/a
Pharmacist Learners	3,572,291 (69%)	2,531,360 (60%)	94
Pharmacy Technician Learners	1,659,922 (31%)	1,670,603 (40%)	



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Upcoming Educational Opportunities 2026

- In-Person ACPE's Continuing Education (CE) Conference with a Preconference Modified CE Administrator Workshop, November 15-18, 2026, ACPE Office, Chicago. Registration will be available in the summer.
- Additionally, on-demand webinars available on ACPE website: <https://www.acpe-accredit.org/education-for-administrators/>



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International Commission




- Jenelle Sobotka, PharmD, FAPhA, Chair
- Thomas Paraidathathu, BPharmacy, MS, PhD, Vice-Chair
- Abdullah M. Alhammad, BSc, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP
- Sally Arif, PharmD, BCCP
- Joseph T. DiPiro, PharmD, FCCP
- Sherief Khalifa, PhD
- Jeanine Abrons, PharmD, MS
- Surakit Nathisuwan, PharmD, BCPS
- Board Liaison: Cindy Stowe, PharmD



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By the numbers....



International-Accreditation	58
Provisional International-Accreditation	5
International-Preaccreditation	4
Initial Visit Authorized	1

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ISP Initiatives



- Goal: to strengthen and streamline all aspects of the international program
- Quality criteria (Standards) revision: Completed with 7/1/26 effective date
 - New platform: INSPIRES launches in fall for international SSRs
- Ninth Faculty Development Workshop was offered January 16-17, 2026 in Ajman, UAE; "Artificial Intelligence in Pharmacy Education"
 - Over 100 participants from 8 countries and 20 institutions participated
 - Exploring additional Faculty Development Workshop opportunities in other geographic regions.
- Launch professional development opportunities to support internationally-accredited programs and those not recognized by ACPE to advance quality pharmacy education internationally.
- ACPE International Accreditation Workshop to be held as a pre-workshop prior to FAPA meeting in Bangkok in November



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13 Countries with Programs holding International-Accreditation Status



Country	Programs	Schools
Egypt	15	6
India	1	1
Indonesia	1	1
Iraq	4 (1 Provisional) (2 Preaccreditation)	4
Jordan	16	14
Lebanon	1	1
Libya	1 (Provisional)	1
Mauritius	2 (1 Preaccreditation)	1
Northern Cyprus	2	1
Oman	2	2
Palestine	1	1
Saudi Arabia	10	10
United Arab Emirates	11 (1 Provisional) (1 Preaccreditation)	8
Total	67	51

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ACPE International-Accreditation – more information

- Publication: <https://authors.elsevier.com/a/1lDhegtcq2tt>



Narrative Reviews

Development and Evolution of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education's International Services Program

Down Zarembski, Jacob Gettig, Janet P. Engle & R



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Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission



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Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission (PTAC)

- Formed through ASHP/ACPE collaboration
- ACPE Board approved ASHP standards, guidelines, and procedures for PTAC
- PTAC recommendations require approval of both ASHP and ACPE Boards




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PTAC by the numbers...

	June 2025	January 2026
Number of ASHP/ACPE Accredited Programs	240	236
New Applications	10	5
Voluntary Withdrawals	17	14
Reaccreditation Reviews	10	14
Midterm Progress and Special Case Reviews	20	34

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Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Standard Revision



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Goals of Standards Revision

- Streamline the Standard, removing any unnecessary items and/or consolidate areas to facilitate the ease of use and understanding of the Standard amongst programs
- Maintain necessary elements in the Standard to ensure the quality of training, to produce qualified and competent pharmacy technicians to assist in providing pharmacy services, ensuring patient safety and aiding to positive health outcomes
- Ensure programs are meeting the needs of students and adequately preparing them for their future career
- Potentially increase applications for new pharmacy technician programs



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Timeline

DATE	ITEM / DESCRIPTION
Oct. 2025	PTAC vote to approve Standard and recommend to ASHP & ACPE BODs
Jan. 2026	ASHP & ACPE BODs vote to endorse the new Technician Standard
Feb. 2026	Notify Technician Programs of BOD vote outcomes and timeline of new Standard implementation
May 2026	Ancillary Resources for the new Technician Standard available
January 1, 2027	Mandatory adoption of the new Technician Standard



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Your Turn – Questions/Comments



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