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2026 UPDATE

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program Update – Summer 2026

Current Status • Providers & Activities • Advancements

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Defining Continuing Professional Development

How ACPE defines continuing professional development

ACPE Definition of CPD

“A self-directed, ongoing, systematic and outcomes-focused approach to lifelong learning that is applied into practice.”

It involves active participation in formal and informal learning that helps students, pharmacists, preceptors, and pharmacy technicians develop and maintain competence, enhance practice, and meet career goals.

THE CPD CYCLE

Reflect · Plan · Learn · Evaluate · Apply · Record/Review



CPD Across the Profession

Illustrative ways the CPD cycle is applied by learners, students, preceptors, and employers

Professional Identity Formation

Students reflect on practice experiences and build a professional identity across the curriculum.

Preceptor Development

Preceptors set SMART goals for teaching and feedback, then evidence the resulting practice changes.

Residency & Transition to Practice

Residents and new graduates structure transition-to-practice learning plans.

Board Certification

BPS-certified pharmacists document CPD units toward recertification under the current pilot.

Technician Advancement

Certified technicians plan and demonstrate learning as their clinical roles expand.

Employer Staff Development

Organizations align individual CPD plans with institutional quality and patient-care goals.

Each example runs the same cycle: Reflect, Plan, Learn, Evaluate, Apply, Record/Review.

One Pharmacist Through the CPD Cycle

Illustrative scenario — one goal followed across a 12-month cycle

An ambulatory care pharmacist wants to independently manage patients starting GLP-1 therapy.

1 — Reflect

Annual self-assessment shows she defers GLP-1 counseling questions to prescribers. She names it as a therapeutics gap.

2 — Plan

SMART goal: within six months, counsel every new GLP-1 start independently. Selects a CPE certificate program, a device workshop, and clinic shadowing.

3 — Learn

Completes the CE certificate and injection-technique workshop, shadows endocrinology twice, reads the ADA standards — all documented.

4 — Evaluate

Post-test 92%. Self-rated confidence moves from 2/5 to 5/5. Identify additional practice gaps.

5 — Apply

Counsels 24 new starts, runs titration follow-up calls, and writes a patient handout the clinic adopts.

6 — Record/Review

Files everything in her CPD portfolio. At annual review she carries the new gaps/needs into next cycle's plan.

One goal, six stages, twelve months — documented end to end.

CPD Program: Executive Summary

ACPE officially launched its CPD Provider Accreditation Program in 2024, an important advancement that allows accredited organizations to offer structured, self-directed learning credit to learners globally.



Launched 2024

ACPE CPD Provider Accreditation became an official pathway in 2024, adding to the CPE Provider and Joint Accreditation programs.

Accredited providers may award 2 CPD units for each completed cycle component, up to 10 CPD units.



Early Adopters Nationwide

Four accredited CPD programs to date:

- Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
- ProCE, LLC
- University of Florida College of Pharmacy
- University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy

SECTION 01

Current Status of the CPD Program

Program launch, accreditation framework, and key milestones

CPD Accreditation: Key Milestones

From early concept to formal accreditation program, the evolution of CPD in U.S. pharmacy education:



The ACPE CPD Accreditation Framework — As of 2026

The CPD Provider Accreditation program operates alongside, not replacing, ACPE's existing CPE Provider Accreditation.



CPE Provider Accreditation

Traditional continuing pharmacy education. Providers design structured activities and upload completions to CPE Monitor®.



CPD Provider Accreditation

Organizations design programs where learners complete a self-directed Reflect–Plan–Learn–Evaluate–Apply –Record/Review cycle and earn CPD units.



Joint Accreditation (IPE)

Jointly accredited providers (ACCME, ACPE, ANCC + associate members) offer CE that awards credit simultaneously to physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and associate members for interprofessional learning.

The Four ACPE CPD Principles

Released July 1, 2023 · Effective January 1, 2024

The principles ensure that CPD programs offered by providers have clear processes, design, assessment, and evaluation of the CPD process.

01

Systematic Planning

Systematic planning of resources, learner engagement, CPD assessment, and awarding of credit.

02

CPD Program Design

Design built on the six-stage CPD cycle: Reflect, Plan, Learn, Evaluate, Apply, Record/Review.

03

Assessment of Learner CPD

A process validating learner engagement and performance, with formative and summative feedback.

04

CPD Program Evaluation

Structured evaluation of the program's effectiveness, used for ongoing improvement.

Full principles: acpe-accredit.org/program/continuing-professional-development | cpdinfo@acpe-accredit.org

Documentation to Submit

From the ACPE CPD Self-Assessment Evaluation Form — attestation checklist and rubric

Principle 1 — all items required

- CPD plan and systematic planning process
- Learner engagement approach (e.g., “learning contract”)
- Resource list for development, facilitation, evaluation
- Data documenting achievement of mission and goals
- Process for awarding CPD value-based credit

Plus a narrative for each item describing how it is achieved.

If any component of a principle is marked “Needs Improvement,” the whole principle is marked that way — include the rationale and the processes in place to address it.

Attestation Statement

Signed by the CPD Program Administrator, confirming the organization follows ACPE’s CPD Policies and Procedures Manual and awards credit through CPE Monitor.

Principles 2–4 — Rubric

Narrative plus supporting documents showing how program design, learner assessment, and program evaluation are met.

Submit as ONE electronic file (PDF) with all appendices included — no hard copies.

Upload: spaces.hightail.com/uplink/ACPEmaterials Free pre-submission consultation: cpdinfo@acpe-accredit.org

What's New for CPD Providers

Streamlined reporting and a new step-by-step application guide

Policies & Procedures Updated

The CPD Policies and Procedures Manual has just been updated to streamline the reporting process for accredited providers.

New Provider Application Guide

A step-by-step guide to what to expect, what to submit, and how to assemble an application — now on the ACPE website.

Assemble everything as ONE PDF, in this order

- Cover page — organization, CPD program name, administrator and contact, date, and application type
- Signed attestation statement from the CPD Program Administrator
- Principle 1 checklist items, each with its narrative, then Principles 2–4 narratives with labeled exhibits

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SECTION 02

Current Providers & CPD Activities

Who is offering CPD programs and what types of activities exist

Current ACPE-Accredited CPD Providers

Four organizations have achieved ACPE CPD Provider accreditation, listed alphabetically:

- **Dana-Farber Cancer Institute**
- **ProCE LLC**
- **University of Florida College of Pharmacy**
- **University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy**

Visit acpe-accredit.org/program-lookup to view the current directory of all accredited CPD providers.

CPD Activity Growth to Date

Since the 2024 launch, the accredited CPD provider network has built a growing catalog of activities and a meaningful volume of CPD units earned by learners:

40+

CPD Activities

Distinct ACPE-accredited CPD activities now offered across the provider network

100+

CPD Units Awarded

Total CPD units earned by learners through completed activities

4

CPD Providers

ACPE-accredited CPD programs delivering these activities nationwide

Momentum Since the 2024 Launch

Across the four accredited providers, learners are completing CPD activities spanning the full Reflect–Plan–Learn–Evaluate –Apply – Record/Review cycle — from self-assessment and personal learning plans through practice-based application and outcomes evaluation. With over 40 activities and more than 100 CPD units already awarded.

International Alignment

The U.S. CPD framework mirrors established lifelong-learning systems abroad

The U.S. CPD framework aligns with established systems in the UK, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand — each built on the same reflect, plan, learn, evaluate, apply, and record cycle.

United Kingdom

Pharmacists record ongoing learning and practice reflection for regulator revalidation, submitting entries on an annual cycle.

Canada

Provincial regulators require a learning portfolio and quality-assurance cycle grounded in self-assessment and reflection.

Australia

Registration renewal requires an annual CPD plan with activities tied to self-identified learning needs.

New Zealand

Recertification runs on a repeating cycle of self-assessment, a written learning plan, and documented outcomes.

A globally recognized model of self-directed, outcomes-focused lifelong learning.

SECTION 03

Advancements in CPD

Technology Update and What's Next

CPD Units Now Appear in CPE Monitor®

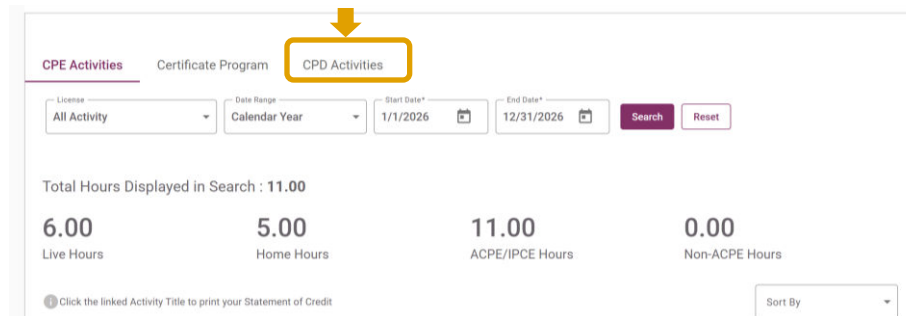
CPD credit is awarded and tracked in the system pharmacists already use

Awarded through CPE Monitor®

Providers submit activity and participant information online, and CPD units post to the learner's record.

Its own CPD Activities tab

Sits alongside CPE Activities and Certificate Program — same transcript, no separate system.



The screenshot shows the CPE Monitor interface. At the top, there are three tabs: 'CPE Activities', 'Certificate Program', and 'CPD Activities'. The 'CPD Activities' tab is highlighted with a yellow box and a yellow arrow pointing to it. Below the tabs, there is a search bar with the following fields: 'License' (set to 'All Activity'), 'Date Range' (set to 'Calendar Year'), 'Start Date*' (set to '1/1/2026'), and 'End Date*' (set to '12/31/2026'). There are 'Search' and 'Reset' buttons. Below the search bar, it says 'Total Hours Displayed in Search : 11.00'. Then, there are four columns of data: '6.00 Live Hours', '5.00 Home Hours', '11.00 ACPE/IPCE Hours', and '0.00 Non-ACPE Hours'. At the bottom, there is a note: 'Click the linked Activity Title to print your Statement of Credit' and a 'Sort By' dropdown menu.

CPD activity now appears in its own tab

Inside My CPD: The Platform Behind the Cycle

The web-based portfolio where pharmacists create, record, and maintain their CPD

Build a development plan

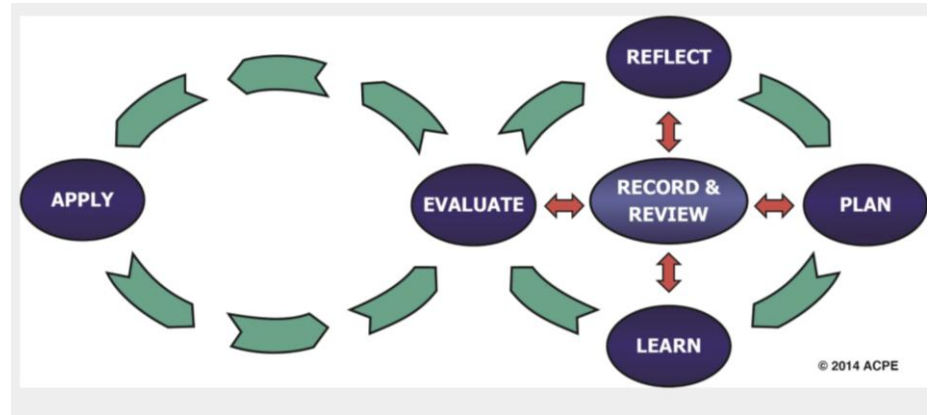
Learners create personal development plans and work through each phase of the cycle in sequence.

Record learning activities

My CPD accounts for accredited CE alongside other self-directed activities that advance competency.

Upload evidence of impact

Supporting documentation attaches at every phase, evidencing both the learning and its use in practice.



The six-phase CPD cycle as presented in My CPD

Register at cpd.acpe-accredit.org/Account/Register

Setting Up a Development Plan Cycle

Each cycle is date-bound, documented, and portable

Define the date range

Plans are time-bound, with options to extend to 25 months or more to span a full licensure cycle.

Attach cycle documentation

Completed cycle evidence uploads at the plan level, in addition to files added within each phase.

Print, share, or email

Toolbar actions let a learner export the cycle, send it to a supervisor, or review its revision history.

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Started: 10/3/2024 11:00 AM

Last Modified: 10/3/2024 11:00 AM

Date range for personal development plan:

25 months or more ▾



Upload Completed Cycle Documentation ▾

Upload file

Cycle header: date range, actions, and document upload

Documenting a REFLECT Entry

Guided prompts turn self-assessment into a structured, competency-based record

Prompted self-assessment

Learners select the areas they want to develop and record how those areas were identified against defined competencies.

Narrative or upload

A written reflection narrative is optional; learners may instead upload a reflection document they have already completed.

Save now, complete later

Entries save in progress and are timestamped for started, last modified, and completed.

Q: What areas do you want to develop or improve? ▼

Q: How did you determine the areas you want to develop or improve? (Select all that apply) ▼

Reflection Narrative: Describe your practice setting and professional development needs related to improv

Save

Complete

Cancel

Back To Cycle

REFLECT: guided prompts, optional upload, completion actions

Tracking Progress Across the Cycle

Status indicators keep a multi-month plan visible and auditable

Status at a glance

A color bar beside each phase shows which steps are complete and which remain open.

Move between phases

Learners work through REFLECT, PLAN, LEARN, EVALUATE, and APPLY as the plan progresses.

Evidence stays attached

Files uploaded to the cycle and to individual phases remain part of the permanent record.

	REFLECT
	PLAN
	LEARN
	EVALUATE
	APPLY

An administrator view is coming later this year, with credit awarding to learners through My CPD by 2027.

Future Directions for ACPE CPD

Research and organizational priorities point to several key directions for CPD advancement in the coming years:

01

Broader Pharmacist Adoption

Education, simplified tools, and awareness campaigns to make CPD attainable for all pharmacists.

02

State Board Regulatory Integration

Encouraging state boards to explore CPD-based pathways for license renewal.

03

Expanded Provider Ecosystem

Extending accreditation beyond academia to health systems, associations, and community organizations.

04

Pharmacy Technician CPD

Extending CPD access and pathways to certified pharmacy technicians.

05

Research & Evidence Base

Building evidence for CPD's impact on competence, outcomes, and practice improvement.

06

Refreshed Visual Identity

A redesign of the ACPE logo and brand identity is currently underway.

THANK YOU

Questions?

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