


**ACPE: Organizational Update**

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**Today's Agenda**

- Introduction
- Colleges/Schools
  - January 2025 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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### ACPE Board of Directors and Commissions



- Three appointees each by:
  - American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) – **educators**
  - American Pharmacists Association (APhA) – **practitioners**
  - National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) – **regulators**
- One appointee by:
  - ACPE – **non-pharmacy educator, public member**
- Three-year terms of office
- Commissions for CPE provider accreditation (12), International Commission (8), Pharmacy technician education accreditation (10 with ASHP)

The Board makes all determinations of compliance with accreditation standards



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### ACPE Board of Directors



- Kimberly Croley, President (APhA, 2020-2026)
- Michael A. Moné, Vice President (NABP, 2006-2027)
- Diane Ginsburg, Treasurer (AACP, 2024-2027)
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### Current State of College/School Accreditation





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### Spring 2025 Status – By the numbers



Status	Number
Accredited	139
Accredited and on probation	2
Candidate status	1
Precandidate status	1
Programs under Teach Out Plans	2
Programs with approved online pathway	14
Extended pathway (campus-based)	2
Programs with accelerated curriculum	25

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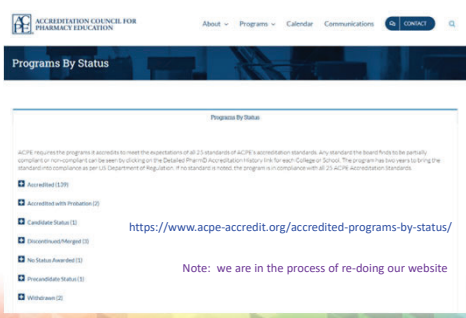
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### Information is available on the ACPE website



<https://www.acpe-accredit.org/accredited-programs-by-status/>

Note: we are in the process of re-doing our website



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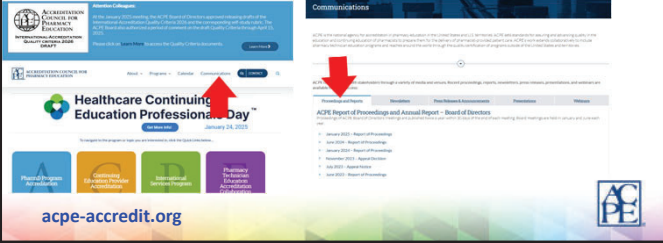
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### Report of the Proceedings

- All accreditation actions from the Board meeting listed in the Report of the Proceedings



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### Spring 2025 Site Visits

- ACPE site visits in spring 2025
  - 14 comprehensive visits
  - 14 focused visits
  - 1 visit to explore a complaint
  - 83 site team members!!
    - All volunteers



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### Update from January 2025 ACPE Board Meeting



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### January 2025 Board Meeting

- Board reviewed (colleges/schools):
  - 10 comprehensive evaluations for continued accreditation status (ETRs/ARs)
  - 1 focused visit evaluation (ETR/AR)
  - 27 Interim Reports
  - 70 Substantive changes
  - 20 Annual Monitoring responses
  - 19 complaints processed
  - 36 programs with a 10% decrease in annual budget
  - 44 programs reporting a net loss in annual budget for 2 consecutive years with 13 letters sent



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### January 2025 Board Meeting

- Post Board meeting, ACPE colleges/schools staff sent out 174 documents



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### Standards 2025



- Standards 2025 were finalized and approved by the ACPE Board of Directors on July 1, 2024
- Each school must be in compliance with Standards 2025 by July 1, 2025
- All Colleges and Schools has been asked to provide a "readiness" report for Standards 2025 to assist ACPE in monitoring compliance (exception: Fall 2025 comprehensive on-site visits)
  - Original due date was: April 1, 2025
  - Now extended to June 1, 2025
- Findings will be made available to each program after the January 2026 ACPE Board of Directors meeting.
  - Both the program's responses and the Board's response will be shared with the site team assigned to the program's next comprehensive on-site evaluation to verify implementation of the plans



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### Standards 2025 – Next Steps

- Self-Study Workshop and Evaluator Training Workshop for Standards 2025 were offered summer 2024
  - Self-study training will be held July 23-24 at our office
  - Site team training will be held Sept 10-11 at our office (email Mary Kiersma for more info [mkiersma@acpe-accredit.org](mailto:mkiersma@acpe-accredit.org))
  - More information: <https://www.acpe-accredit.org/calendar/>
- A webinar to update already trained site team evaluators on Standards 2025 will be available, soon
- AACP Assessment and Accreditation Management System (AAMS) has been discontinued for all self-studies beginning in fall 2025.
- ACPE Pharmacy Accreditation Report Management System (PHARMS) is operational and is replacing AAMS



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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 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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### Changes in Annual Monitoring



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



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**Outcomes of the January 2025 Board Meeting**

- Discussed academic year job placement data

	AY 2023	AY 2022	AY 2021	AY 2020	AY 2019	AY 2018
Response Rate	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
# Graduates	12,792	13,836	14,453	14,411	14,805	14,879
Engaged in the profession (employed or post-grad educ/training)	80.95%	80.76%	79.28%	76.42%	79.33%	80.96%
Lost to follow-up	17.29%	18.23%	18.76%	21.91%	19.79%	18.3%



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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 will be added to the annual monitoring policy beginning in July 2025*
- More details will be shared regarding this requirement shortly after the June 2025 Board meeting



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



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### ACPE CPE Commission



- **Kathy Schott, PhD**, Vice President, Operations for CEImpact, a pharmacy education company – **Chair**
- **James A. Trovato, PharmD, MBA, FASHP**, Professor and Vice Chair for Academic Affairs at University of Maryland School of Pharmacy – **Vice-Chair**
- **Mary Bridgeman, PharmD, BCPS, BCGP, FASCP, FCCP, FNAP**, Clinical Professor, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Internal Medicine Pharmacist, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital-New Brunswick
- **Peter J. (P.J.) Hughes, PharmD, MSED, BCPS**, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Director of Faculty Success and Continuing Professional Development, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama – **Immediate Past Chair**
- **Crystal Carter, MPA**, Client Strategist, Louisiana Pharmacists Association; Vice President, Association Management Strategies
- **Timothy Jacobs, PharmD, BCPS**, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist and Education Coordinator, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- **Nicholas Lehman, PharmD, BCACP**, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Clinical Pharmacist – UnityPoint West Des Moines Family Medicine & Internal Medicine Clinic
- **Sarah Pageknopf, Pharm.D., BCPS**, Director of Professional & Educational Services, ACPE Continuing Pharmacy Education Administrator, Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin
- **Lisa McDonald Reyes, MPH**, Associate Director, USC Alfred E. Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Office of Continuing Professional Development, University of Southern California Health Sciences Campus
- **Rubina M. Singh, BS Pharm, PharmD, BCPS**, Vice President, Education and Training, Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP)
- **Elliot M. Sogol, PhD, RPh, FAPhA**, Director for Postgraduate Education and Continuing Education, University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy
- **Barbara Ellen Maguire Vick**, Associate Executive Director, North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- **Board Liaison: Kathy Campbell**, Community Pharmacy Owner



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### Providers

	ACPE CPE Provider Accreditation	Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education
Accredited Provider	262	182
Commendation	8	35
Probation	1	3
Inactive Status	2	0

Note: Academic, educational companies, healthcare networks and associations comprise 90% of the providership



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### ACPE CPE Enterprise January – December 2024

	ACPE CPE Accredited Providers (N=267)	Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional CE Providers (N=176)
CE Activities Total	90,330	154,976
Home Study	44,685 (49%)	112,874 (73%)
Live	45,645 (51%)	42,101 (27%)
Activity Type: Learners		
Knowledge CE Learners	78% 3.2 million learners 56% pharmacists 44% pharmacy technicians	85% 3.5 million learners 61% pharmacists 39% pharmacy technicians
Application CE Learners	19% 1.3 million learners 81% pharmacists 19% pharmacy technicians	10% 751,000 learners 65% pharmacists 36% pharmacy technicians
Certificate Program CE Learners	81 (provided by 35 providers) 35,300 learners	



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CPE Initiatives – Guidance Documents for ACPE Accredited Providers



•Artificial Intelligence

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become very prominent in the world of education. ACPE staff explored the impact of AI on continuing education activities. To identify the factors and experience of ACPE-accredited CE providers, ACPE staff distributed a survey to identify the impact of AI on continuing education programs. Results of the survey, a review of the literature, and discussion at the CPE Commission and the Board of Directors resulted in guidance for ACPE-accredited providers.
- Note: ACPE is conducting a follow-up to our 2023 survey gathering information on the continued impact of AI on CE programs to better understand AI's role in CE



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CPE Initiatives – Guidance Documents



- Digital Badges
  - ACPE-accredited providers and the pharmacy profession have asked ACPE to explore the development of digital badges and/or guidance related to digital badging. The ACPE Commission and Board of Directors have approved guidance related to the development of digital badges.
- Certificate Programs
  - ACPE-accredited providers who use the term Certificate Program where the program does not meet the ACPE Standards and Policies must include a disclaimer: ***'This is not an ACPE-defined Certificate Program; learners who complete this course will receive ACPE CPE credit but will not be awarded completion of a Certificate Program.'***



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<https://www.acpe-accredit.org/continuing-education-provider-accreditation/>

Introduction	A Day of Recognition – Healthcare Education Professionals Day We're delighted to announce a new day of recognition for our esteemed healthcare continuing education professionals. Healthcare Continuing Education Professionals Day is an opportunity to recognize and show our appreciation for our exceptional CE professionals. Each year, we'll celebrate on Friday, during the third full week of January, beginning Friday, January 24, 2025.	
CE Apps and Platforms		
CE Newsroom		
Standards/Policies and Procedures		
ACPE Accredited Providers		
Joint Providership		
Tools and Resources		
Education for Administrators		
Information for Learners		
Application Process		



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### Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

- ACPE defines CPD as: “a self-directed, ongoing, systematic and outcomes-focused approach to lifelong learning that is applied into practice.”
- In January of 2024, ACPE began accepting applications to the CPD Program Accreditation Pathway.



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### Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Providers who offer accredited CPD programs may award CPD units (CPDUs) for the completion of activities which reflect each component of the CPD cycle (i.e., 2 CPDUs for *Reflect*).

To date, two programs have received CPD accreditation:

*Dana-Farber Cancer Institute*  
*University of Florida College of Pharmacy*



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### Continuing Professional Development Resources

- <https://www.acpe-accredit.org/continuing-professional-development/>
- Examples of CPD for providers of CPD programs and pharmacy learners
- Guidance documents
- List of CPD publications
- CPD worksheets
- CPD Webinars
- Case Study Series: Examples of CPD in P



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**CPE Monitor: Simplifying Licensure Compliance for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians**

*A Collaborative Effort by NABP, ACPE, and ACPE-Accredited Providers*



• CPE Monitor is a continuing pharmacy education (CPE) tracking service that authenticates and stores data for completed CPE units received by pharmacists and pharmacy technicians from ACPE-accredited providers.

<p><u>Pros</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Enables tracking of ACPE-accredited CPE units</li> <li>✓ Provides verified CPE data through NABP's e-Profile</li> <li>✓ Streamlines compliance with licensure requirements</li> </ul>	<p><u>Cons</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing multiple state licenses</li> <li>• Tracking varying complex CPE requirements</li> <li>• Meeting deadlines</li> </ul>
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**Upgrade to CPE Monitor Plus: Maximize Your CPE Experience**

*Enhanced Management Tool for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians*



• CPE Monitor Plus is the ultimate upgrade for managing Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) with advanced tools and personalized features, staying on top of your license requirements has never been easier.

<p><u>Pros</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ iOS and Android mobile app; User-friendly</li> <li>✓ Automatic alerts and tracking of CPE credits</li> <li>✓ License status notifications</li> <li>✓ State Requirements Overview</li> <li>✓ Access to CE Search Engine (PLAN)</li> </ul>	<p><u>Pros</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Add non-ACPE credits to transcript</li> <li>✓ Reassign topic designators</li> <li>✓ Advanced Reporting Tools to share with employers or licensing boards</li> <li>✓ Access to Continuing Professional Development (CPD) platform</li> <li>✓ Available for students to complete CPD</li> </ul>
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**Upgrade to CPE Monitor Plus: Maximize Your CPE Experience**




1. Go to [www.nabp.pharmacy](http://www.nabp.pharmacy) and log in to your e-Profile account.
2. Select the CPE Monitor Tile and look for the red upgrade button near the top of the page.
3. After the purchase (only \$12) process is complete, you can begin enrolling your licenses.

Please note: CPE details and requirements for the jurisdictions of Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands are not available for the Plus plan users at this time. The fee is for maintenance of the licensure requirements rules engine and application.

*Testimonials:*

- "CPE Monitor Plus saves me so much time and stress. I always know how many CE credits I have and when my renewal is coming up. Highly Recommend!"
- "I love that I can access CPE Monitor Plus on my phone. It's the best CPE tracking tool on the market."



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Recent and Upcoming Educational Opportunities



- March 4-6: Virtual CPE Administrator Workshop (54 attendees)
- March 11: CPD Update Webinar, 1-2:30pm (56 attendees)
- September 16-17: 2025 CPE and CPD Workshop (in-person in Chicago)



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International Commission



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



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### By the numbers....



International-Accreditation	49
Provisional International-Accreditation	4
International-Preaccreditation	3
Initial Visit Authorized	3



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### ISP Initiatives



- Goal: to strengthen and streamline all aspects of the international program
- Quality criteria (Standards) revision: draft has been released February 2025 for comment; 3 listening sessions scheduled along with online comment form
- Revised policies and procedures were released February 2025
- Eighth Faculty Development Workshop was offered January 10-11, 2025 in Dubai; “Contemporary Topics in Pharmacy Education”
  - 24 schools participated from 8 countries
- SWOT analysis completed with International Commission
- Survey of ISP stakeholders completed
- Mission and Vision updated



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### Programs with International-Accreditation



**JORDAN** 

- Al-Ahliyya Amman University, Faculty of Pharmacy: BPharm Degree Program
- Al-Isra University, Faculty of Pharmacy: BPharm Degree Program
- Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan, Faculty of Pharmacy: BSc Degree Program
- Amman Arab University, College of Pharmacy: BPharm Degree Program
- Applied Science Private University, Faculty of Pharmacy: BSc Degree Program
- Jordan University of Science and Technology, Faculty of Pharmacy: BSc and PharmD Degree Programs
- Middle East University, Faculty of Pharmacy: BSc Degree Program
- Mutah University, Faculty of Pharmacy: BSc Degree Program
- The University of Jordan, School of Pharmacy: BSc and PharmD Degree Programs
- University of Petra, Faculty of Pharmacy: BSc Degree Program
- Yarmouk University, Faculty of Pharmacy: BPharm Degree Program



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**Programs with International-Accreditation**




**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

- Ajman University, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences: BPharm Degree Program
- Al Ain University of Science and Technology, College of Pharmacy: BSc. (Pharm) Degree Program
- Dubai Pharmacy College for Girls: BPharm Degree Program
- Fatima College of Health Sciences, Pharmacy Department: BPharm Degree Program\*
- Gulf Medical University, College of Pharmacy: PharmD Degree Program
- RAK Medical and Health Sciences University, College of Pharmacy: BPharm Degree Program
- University of Sharjah, College of Pharmacy: BScPharm, PharmD (International-Preaccreditation)

\* (Provisional International-Accreditation)



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**Programs with International-Accreditation**




**EGYPT** (all International- Accreditation \*online evaluation)

- Alexandria University, Faculty of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Pharmacy (PharmD) and Bachelor of Pharmacy (PharmD Clinical Pharmacy) Degree Programs
- Ain Shams University, Faculty of Pharmacy: BPharm (PharmD) and BPharm (PharmD-Clinical Pharmacy) Degree Programs
- Arab Academy for Science, Technology, and Maritime Transport, College of Pharmacy: BPharm, BPharm (PharmD), and BPharm (PharmD-Clinical Pharmacy) Degree Programs
- Cairo University, Faculty of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Pharmacy (PharmD) and Bachelor of Pharmacy (PharmD Clinical Pharmacy) Degree Programs
- Future University in Egypt, Faculty of Pharmacy: BPharm, BPharm (PharmD), and BPharm (PharmD-Clinical Pharmacy) Degree Programs
- Misr International University, Faculty of Pharmacy: BPharm, BPharm (PharmD), and BPharm (PharmD-Clinical Pharmacy) Degree Programs



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**Programs with International-Accreditation**




**SAUDI ARABIA**

- Batterjee Medical College, Pharmacy Program: PharmD Degree Program
- Ibn Sina National College for Medical Students: PharmD Degree Program
- King Faisal University, College of Clinical Pharmacy: PharmD Degree Program
- King Saud University, College of Pharmacy: PharmD Degree Program
- Najran University, College of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Sciences Degree Program
- Prince Sattam bin Abdulaziz University, College of Pharmacy: BPS Degree Program
- Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University, College of Pharmacy, PharmD Degree Program
- Qassim University, College of Pharmacy: PharmD Degree Program
- Taif University, College of Pharmacy: PharmD Degree Program\*

\* International-Accreditation (online evaluation)



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**Programs with International-Accreditation** 

**INDIA**   
➤ JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, College of Pharmacy (Mysuru and Ooty Campuses): PharmD Degree Program

**INDONESIA**   
➤ University of Surabaya, Faculty of Pharmacy: Pharmacy Education Program

**IRAQ**   
➤ American University of Iraq – Baghdad, College of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Pharmacy Degree Program\*\*  
➤ Mustansiriyah University, College of Pharmacy: BPharm Degree Program\*

**NORTHERN CYPRUS**   
➤ Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Pharmacy, Master of Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy Degree Programs\*\*\*

\*International-Accreditation (online evaluation)  
\*\*International-Preaccreditation (online evaluation)  
\*\*\*Provisional international-Accreditation



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**Programs with International-Accreditation** 

**LEBANON**   
➤ Lebanese International University, School of Pharmacy: BPharm Degree Program

**LIBYA**   
➤ Libyan International Medical University, Faculty of Pharmacy: PharmD Degree Program\*

**MAURITIUS** (International-Preaccreditation Status)   
➤ JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mauritius School of Pharmacy: BPharm and PharmD Degree Programs

\* Provisional International-Accreditation (online evaluation)



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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...

**PTAC**

ASHP/ACPE Accredited Pharmacy Technician Programs		BY THE NUMBERS	
	JANUARY 2023	JUNE 2024	
Number of ASHP/ACPE Accredited Programs	256	256	
New Applications	13	8	
Voluntary Withdrawals	4	7	
Reaccreditation Reviews	9	14	
Midterm Progress and Special Case Reviews	24	39	



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Your Turn – Questions/Comments



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