



Adoption of CPE and CPD in the United States

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1965

State-mandated CE in Florida

1972

National Association of Boards of Pharmacy supports CE for relicensure*

*1972–74

American Pharmaceutical Association–
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
Task Force on Continuing
Competence in Pharmacy:
CE best mechanism for assuring
pharmacist proficiency

1985

36 State Boards of Pharmacy
mandate CE for relicensure

1991–1994

Universal Program/Activity Number established

2001

Name change to:
ACPE CPE Provider Accreditation Program

2004–05

ACPE adopts ACCME *Standards for Commercial Support* resulting in discontinuation of pharmaceutical manufacturers as ACPE-accredited CE Providers

2007

First ACPE CPE Commission meets

2010

ACPE Board establishes CPD Taskforce;
North Carolina Board of Pharmacy establishes relicensure process using CPD in lieu of CE

2011–12

State-based CPD programs expand (3)

2013

CPE Monitor, a collaborative service of ACPE and NABP

CPD Steering Committee established; ACPE holds CPD Conference to advance implementation

2019

Approval for *Commendation Criteria for ACPE CPE Providers*
CPE Monitor Plus, mobile application released

2022

Standards for Integrity and Independence adopted

First providers Accredited with *Commendation*

2024

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1974–75
ACPE to accredit CE;
CE Standards adopted for the ACPE
Provider Approval Program

1980
21 State Boards of Pharmacy
mandate CE for relicensure

1990s
First countries introduce CPD in Pharmacy;
First Lifelong Learning Conference

1996
49 State Boards of Pharmacy
mandate CE for relicensure

2003–05
Policies calling for CPD from Professional Groups
All 53 State Boards of Pharmacy mandate
CE for relicensure

2006
State-based CPD pilots

2009
IOM report: *Redesigning CE In the Health Professions: “A new comprehensive vision of professional development is needed: CPD provides a promising approach to improve the quality of learning”*
ACPE Board approves ACCME, ANCC, and ACPE Collaborative: Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education
ACPE implements new *Accreditation Standards for Continuing Pharmacy Education* establishes three types of CE activities: knowledge, application, certificate programs

2015
ACPE Board approves *Definition of CE and Guidance on CPD for the Profession of Pharmacy*
ACPE CPE Stakeholder Conference – 40 Years of ACPE CPE Accreditation Program
21 State Boards of Pharmacy mandate CE for Pharmacy Technicians

2024
ACPE Board approves *Standards for Continuing Professional Development* and approves a *Framework for CPD Units*

