



## ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR PHARMACY EDUCATION

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Dear Pharmacy Dean:

The ACPE Board of Directors met on June 11-12, 2025, and I would like to share some items from the meeting that may be of interest to you.

### Standards 2025 Update

ACPE has released an updated version of Standards 2025 that includes minor changes in wording that do not change the overall intent of certain Standards but merely clarifies them. A separate letter was sent to all Deans with more specifics. A copy of the communication can be found here: <https://www.acpe-accredit.org/pdf/DearDeanJune2025Standards2025UpdatedFinal.pdf>.

### Job Placement and Gainful Employment, Disclosure of Program Outcomes, Faculty Numbers and Roster

You will be receiving ACPE's annual request to complete the Job Placement and Gainful Employment survey for the previous graduating class (i.e., Class of 2024). This request allows ACPE to meet a data-reporting requirement of the US Department of Education (USDE). This year the survey will also include one additional component, a request for faculty numbers and addendum.

As was mentioned in a previous communication from ACPE, the ACPE Board of Directors is monitoring faculty composition more closely. The survey asks each program to provide core faculty numbers for each department/division and provide an up-to-date faculty addendum.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this survey. Watch for that email with the survey link and please forward as needed to others in your organization for a response. Please complete it no later than August 31, 2025. Or, if you prefer, you can complete the survey now at the link below:

Job Placement Survey link: [https://acpe-accredit.formstack.com/forms/job\\_placement\\_gainful\\_employment\\_survey\\_and\\_disclosure\\_of\\_program\\_outcomes\\_ay\\_20232024](https://acpe-accredit.formstack.com/forms/job_placement_gainful_employment_survey_and_disclosure_of_program_outcomes_ay_20232024)

### Annual Monitoring – Enrollment and Progression

At the June Board meeting, the ACPE Board typically reviews the enrollment and progression data for the previous academic year. This data is provided by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP) based on data provided by the colleges/schools. Unfortunately, this year, AACCP was unable to provide the needed data due to a transition to a new survey system and the inability of the vendor to finalize data validation and report generation. Once ACPE receives the data from AACCP, the Board plans to review the data at the January 2026 Board meeting.

### Annual Monitoring - NAPLEX

The ACPE Board of Directors reviews the policy regarding annual monitoring of NAPLEX scores on a regular basis. As you may recall, in January 2024, the Board acted to maintain ACPE's NAPLEX score benchmark of two standard

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deviations below the national average for first-time test takers. As outlined in the Policy, ACPE will continue to send letters requesting that programs identify the cause of negative changes or trends in NAPLEX® outcomes and request action plans for correcting the negative trends. At the recent 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 change is as follows:

11.6.1 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. **Effective July 1, 2025**, if the College/School's pass rate for the NAPLEX examination falls below the national average, minus two standard deviations or 60% within a seven year period, the following actions will be taken:

- 1) following the first occurrence, a letter will be sent to the program requiring that the program identify the root cause for the observed performance and provide an action plan for correcting the negative performance observed;
- 2) following the second occurrence, the Board will request a focused evaluation be completed to evaluate the program's compliance with the accreditation standards;
- 3) following the third occurrence, the program may be requested to meet with the ACPE Board of Directors to discuss steps taken to enhance NAPLEX performance;
- 4) following the fourth occurrence, or as determined by the ACPE Board of Directors, the program may be placed on probation; and,
- 5) following the fifth occurrence in a seven year period, accreditation of the program may be withdrawn.

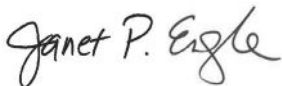
In addition, as of the June 2024 meeting, the Board started reviewing trends in the overall number of first-time test takers failing the NAPLEX examination at each program. A program is flagged if it has a high number of failures (defined as thirty or more first-time test takers not passing the exam) but still has an overall first-time passing rate above the threshold. This trigger could indicate potential problems regarding the quality of the professional degree program, the nature of which must be identified by the program.

### Update on ACPE Fees

The ACPE staff recommended, and the ACPE Board of Directors approved, no increase in fees for Colleges and Schools for 2026.

ACPE staff are available to answer any questions you have about these or any other items. You can reach the colleges/school team via email at: [csinfo@acpe-accredit.org](mailto:csinfo@acpe-accredit.org) or the CE team at: [ceinfo@acpe-accredit.org](mailto:ceinfo@acpe-accredit.org). In addition, feel free to reach out to Greg Boyer, Mary Kiersma, Dawn Zarembski, Jacob Gettig, Dimitra Travlos, Kimberly Catledge, Logan Murry, or me directly.

Sincerely yours,



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