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Dear Pharmacy Dean:

The ACPE Board of Directors met last week and updated the final version of the Accreditation Standards and Key Elements for the Professional Program in Pharmacy Leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree (ACPE Standards 2025) that were distributed in July 2024. The updated Standards will go into effect on July 1, 2025, as planned.

The Board is aware of recent legislation in several states that has resulted in possible conflicts with the wording in the new Standards, and that presented potential issues for pharmacy programs in those states. As such, the ACPE Board of Directors made minor changes in wording that do not change the overall intent of certain Standards but merely clarifies them. The Board determined that it was best that these minor changes be completed and finalized before Standards 2025 go into effect on July 1, 2025.

The changes that were made are as follows:

- Key Element 1.5.d: changed the title of the key element to: Culture of Belonging
- Key Element 2.1.d: removed parenthetical phrase
- Standard 4 introductory statement, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph: updated to state, "...ensures the selection of a qualified student body..."
- Key Element 7.2.c: updated second sentence to read, "Contributing factors such as collaboration; belonging; leadership; and professionalism should be considered."
- Key Element 7.4.b: updated the first sentence to read, "The college or school regularly assesses the criteria, policies, and procedures to ensure the selection of a qualified student body..."

The updated version of Standards 2025 can be found on the ACPE website at: [www.acpe-accredit.org/pdf/ACPEStandards2025.pdf](http://www.acpe-accredit.org/pdf/ACPEStandards2025.pdf). We look forward to working with you as we implement the new Standards to ensure quality education for all of our students.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet P. Engle". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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