



ACPE International Services Program Update

ACPE would like to share a few updates from our recent Commission and Board meetings.

1. Release of Draft Quality Criteria for Review and Comment
2. New ACPE CPE Commission Members
3. ACPE Board Approved Revised Policies
4. Revised ISP Mission and Vision Statements
5. International-Accreditation Educational Opportunities

1. Draft Quality Criteria for Review and Comment

The ACPE International Commission and Board of Directors have been working on revising ACPE's Quality Criteria for International-Accreditation of Pharmacy Degree Programs. The International Commission has recommended and the ACPE Board has approved a draft of the revised Quality Criteria ("Quality Criteria 2026") at the recent January 2025 meeting and is releasing the draft copy to the public for comment. The International Commission and ACPE Board will review all comments received on the draft and finalize the Quality Criteria for release by July 1, 2025, with implementation of the new Quality Criteria on July 1, 2026. This timeframe will allow 12 months between the release of the new Quality Criteria and their implementation. A new rubric to support Quality Criteria 2026 has also been released along with a crosswalk between the current (legacy) Quality Criteria and the Draft Quality Criteria 2026. The documents can be found on our website at: [Quality Criteria 2026 Revision](#).

Comments on the new draft Quality Criteria 2026 can be submitted via the [Quality Criteria Feedback Survey](#) or you can email comments to: international@acpe-accredit.org. You may also set up a meeting with ACPE Staff to provide any comments directly.

Online Listening Sessions will be conducted to receive feedback on the proposed revised Quality Criteria. The Listening Sessions will be held via Zoom on the following dates at 8am (US Central Time). It is not necessary to join all three sessions, but you are invited to do so if you would like. The Zoom link for each session is provided with the date:

- Friday, February 28, 2025: [Zoom Link](#)
- Friday, March 14, 2025: [Zoom Link](#)
- Friday, April 4, 2025: [Zoom Link](#)

The purpose of each of these sessions will be to receive feedback from communities of interest on the revised Quality Criteria. ACPE staff will not address comments in real-time but will gather all feedback which will then be provided to the International Commission and ACPE Board of Directors for their review and consideration prior to finalization of the revised Quality Criteria.

We look forward to receiving your feedback on the Draft Quality Criteria and Rubric!

2. ACPE International Commission Members and New Appointments

ACPE has made new appointments to the International Commission. The International Commission is responsible for recommending accreditation actions to the ACPE Board of Directors, recommending policies and procedures for the ACPE International Services Program, and assisting in strategic planning.

- **Sally A. Arif, PharmD, BCCP, Chicago, Illinois, USA**
Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Northwestern University College of Pharmacy
Dr. Sally Arif is a tenured Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Northwestern University (NWU) College of Pharmacy and Cardiology Clinical Pharmacist at Rush University Medical Center. Dr. Arif is an active member of regional and international pharmacy organizations, including the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Global Health and Health Equity PRNs, Vice-Chair of the DEIA Committee, National Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) FPGEE Review Committee, and the Federation of International Pharmacists (FIP) Ethics Advisory Group. She has served on the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP)'s Student Affairs Taskforce, Office of Minority Health Advisory Committee, and as Chair of the Health Disparities and Cultural Competency SIG. Dr. Arif has been awarded the NWU Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Advisor, and Preceptor of the Year for several consecutive years. In 2024, she received the AACCP Pharmacy Practice Distinguished Educator Award and the Pearson National Teaching Awards for Inclusive Pedagogy and Community Engagement, recognizing her service-learning initiatives focusing on refugee health in Chicago and the development of international experiential rotations in the United Arab Emirates and Guatemala.

- **Surakit Nathisuwan, PharmD, BCPS, Bangkok, Thailand**
Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, Mahidol University, Thailand

Dr. Surakit Nathisuwan received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Mahidol University in 1994 and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida in 1999. He later completed a Specialized Residency in Pharmacotherapy from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and became a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist. Surakit Nathisuwan has played an important role in providing education and training in cardiovascular pharmacotherapy for health care personnel in Thailand and the Southeast Asian countries. He also actively advocates the implementation of multidisciplinary cardiac team to enhance the quality of care. His research works address relevant issues aiming to promote optimal use of pharmacotherapy in cardiac patients and related health policies, particularly in the developing countries.

A listing of all the CPE Commissioners may be found here: [ACPE Commission](#)

3. ACPE Board Approves Revised Policies

The ACPE Board approved revised Policies and Procedures governing ACPE’s International Accreditation of Professional Degree Programs in Pharmacy in Countries other than the United States and its Territories. The revised policies may be found [here](#). Revisions to the policies were not substantive in nature and primarily involved streamlining the policies and procedures document and enhancing readability.

4. Revised ISP Mission and Vision Statements

During summer 2024, a survey was distributed to stakeholders which included feedback on ACPE’s International Services Program Mission and Vision Statements. ACPE thanks those individuals that completed the survey and provided feedback. Based on the feedback received from over 30 individuals, the International Commission in collaboration with ACPE Staff developed revised vision and mission statements for ACPE’s International Services Program. The revised statements provided below were approved by the ACPE Board of Directors at the January 2025 meeting.

Revised ISP Vision:

ACPE’s International Services Program will be the leader in exemplary accreditation services that advances pharmacy education and the pharmacy profession throughout the world.

Revised ISP Mission:

ACPE's International Services Program improves the quality of global pharmacy education and training programs to promote a healthier society by advancing the pharmacy profession through its accreditation services and professional development activities.

5. International-Accreditation Educational Opportunities

ACPE will be developing on-demand webinars for the revised Quality Criteria. Each webinar will be available for purchase for a nominal fee. ACPE plans for the webinars to be available beginning in fall 2025. Additional details will be forthcoming.

ACPE is interested in your educational needs. Please contact ACPE at international@acpe-accredit.org with any suggestions for professional development initiatives you would like ACPE to provide.

Thank You!

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact ACPE staff at 312-664-3575 or international@acpe-accredit.org.