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CELEBRATE the 20th ANNUAL NATIONAL PHARMACY TECHNICIAN DAY October 26, 2010

"Pharmacy Technicians: Caring for Life" is the theme of the 20th annual Pharmacy Technician Day, October 26th

Please join us in warmly thanking the thousands of pharmacy technicians who work tirelessly day in and day out to help pharmacists in all work settings help patients make the best use of their medications throughout the United States.

ASHP's Pharmacy Technician Initiative Celebrates the Launch of the Pharmacy Technician Information Center!

www.pharmtechnifocenter.com

This is a brand new website that provides the who/what/how of becoming a pharmacy technician! The website features a link to a Facebook site, videos that were created by technician students and programs, and a "day in the life of" segment highlighting several techs across the country and the positions they have. Take a look and make your students familiar with this site. This also a great tool for your school recruiters to use to educate potential students about careers as a pharmacy technician.

Congratulations to the Pharmacy Technician Initiative video contest winners!

Don Carpenter
St. Claire Regional Medical Center
Morehead, Kentucky

Deb Kunkel
Midwest Technical Institute-Springfield
Springfield, Illinois

SFC Ryan M. Lampien
AMEDD Center & School
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Adrienne Santiago
Career College of Northern Nevada
Reno, Nevada

ASHP House of Delegates News

The Council on Education and Workforce Development proposed and the ASHP Delegates approved the following ASHP Policy regarding hiring standards for pharmacy technicians at the Annual Summer meeting in Tampa Florida, June 2010:

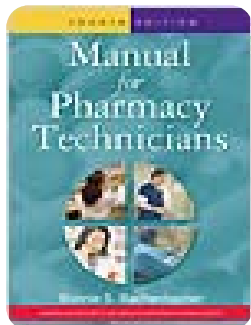
- To encourage employers to hire pharmacy technicians who have successfully completed an ASHP-accredited pharmacy technician training program and are certified by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB); further,
- To support employment practices that would permit hiring of pharmacy technician trainees only if those individuals (1) are required to both successfully complete an ASHP-accredited pharmacy technician training program and successfully complete PTCB certification within 24 months of employment, and (2) are limited to positions with lesser responsibilities until they successfully complete such training and certification; further,
- To encourage employers to require PTCB certification as a condition of continued employment; further
- To encourage expansion of ASHP-accredited pharmacy technician training programs.

News You Can Use

ASHP's Manual for Pharmacy Technicians, 4th Edition - Just Published!

Quality training material is increasingly important for new technicians entering the field and for current technicians looking to advance. For years, pharmacy technician training program directors have relied on this book for guidance and training in preparing technicians for certification. Now, technicians can pass with flying colors with the new fourth edition of the best-selling Manual for Pharmacy Technicians. It offers guidance and techniques to master the practical skills and gain the foundational knowledge all technicians need to be successful. This newly reorganized text provides comprehensive coverage designed to engage students and prepare them for all types of pharmacy technician positions. New features include full-color design, photos, and illustrations to enhance learning and four additional chapters.

For more information and to order, visit <http://www.ashp.org/techmanual>



Manual for Pharmacy Technicians, 4th Edition, list price \$67, member price \$61. Bulk discounts are available for orders over 5 books. For bulk orders over 10 items, please contact customer service at 800-279-0681, or custserv@ashp.org.

Additional pharmacy technician resources are also available for purchase:

<http://www.ashp.org/bookstore/default.aspx>

ASHP Accreditation Services Division “R U Ready” Accreditation Assessment Survey Tool now available.

The Accreditation Services Division of ASHP recently posted an online survey self assessment tool for pharmacy technician training programs called the ***R U Ready Assessment Tool for Pharmacy Technician Training Programs***.

New programs seeking accreditation and programs already accredited are encouraged to take the self-assessment tool to check their level of compliance with the accreditation standard for pharmacy technician training programs. You may find this link also under “Starting a Pharmacy Technician Training Program” in the Pharmacy Technician Training section of the ASHP website:

<http://www.ashp.org/Import/ACCREDITATION/TechnicianAccreditation/StartingaTrainingProgram/RUReadyTool.aspx>

A list of “**Frequently Asked Questions**” (FAQs) for pharmacy technician trainees and programs has been developed and is posted to the ASHP website under Pharmacy Technician Accreditation:

<http://www.ashp.org/Import/ACCREDITATION/TechnicianAccreditation/FAQs.aspx>

ASHP Pharmacy Technician Training Brochure Available:

This brochure, geared towards career and community colleges and vocational/technical schools, discusses the value of ASHP accreditation of pharmacy technician training programs and is free for downloading and use:

<http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/Accreditation/ASHPTechTrainingProg.aspx>

Update your online directory listing: Send any corrections to your program information to Accreditation Services Division: asd@ashp.org. If you have a website that you would like to link from the directory, send it to us as well.

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) News

The NABP posts many items related nationally to pharmacy technician issues, education, and certification requirements. Make this link a favorite bookmark and review it periodically:

<http://www.nabp.net/search/?tag=Pharmacy%20Technicians>

Of recent note, the **Texas Board of Pharmacy** has recognized PTCB as the single provider of pharmacy technician certification examinations in the state and the **Veterans Administration** will require pharmacy technicians for employment at the GS6 level and above to become certified by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB).

The NABP also passed Resolution No. 106-7-10 at its 106th Annual Meeting, Anaheim California.

Title: Continued Efforts to Standardize Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Programs

Whereas, new pharmacy technician education and training programs are being established in community colleges and trade schools across the country; and

Whereas, no nationally recognized, uniform standards are currently in place in each state to guide the quality and appropriateness of the course curriculum of such

programs; and

Whereas, state boards of pharmacy have a responsibility to oversee the training and practice of pharmacy technicians in the interest of the public health and safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP continues to encourage states to adopt uniform standards for pharmacy technician education and training programs.

For more information on the NABP Report of the Task Force on Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Programs: <http://www.nabp.net/news/assets/TF-PharmTechEduc.pdf>

ASHP continues to advocate the adoption of the ASHP Model Curriculum for Pharmacy Technician Training for sites conducting tech education and ASHP accreditation of pharmacy technician training programs conducted in each state.

Congratulations to the following new programs that were awarded ASHP accreditation in 2010 and their program directors:

Career Networks Institute, Orange, CA	Linda S. Goetz, CPhT
Everest College, San Francisco, CA	Richard R. Nunez, CPhT
Keiser Career College, Greenacres, FL	Fawn M. Orf
Keiser Career College, Miami Lakes, FL	Ivan Martinez
Keiser Career College, Saint Petersburg, FL	Emily G. Messir, BS, CPhT
Sanford-Brown Institute, Jacksonville, FL	Kizzi Perry
Orange County Public Schools, Orlando, FL	John Diem
Midwest Technical Institute, East Peoria, IL	Kent LaFary, CPht
North Central Kansas Technical College, Hays, KS	Brian Dechant
Sullivan University, Louisville and Lexington, KY	H. Miles Spalding, MA, MAT, CPhT
Jefferson Community and Technical College, Louisville, KY	Angela Riley-Grimes, RMA, CPhT, MSBC
Hibbing Community College, Hibbing, MN	Susan F Helfter, PharmD
Riverland Community College, Austin, MN	Kristin M. Flatness
Sanford-Brown Institute, Iselin, NJ	Pilar Perez-Jackson, CPhT
Sanford-Brown College, Middleburg Heights, OH	Kristen Malacos
Virginia College, Greenville, SC	Antionette Hill, CPhT
Everest Institute Bissonnet, Houston, TX	Sokhwa Yun
Sanford-Brown Institute, Dallas, TX	Brandon C. Stewart
College of the Mainland, Texas City, TX	Bridget R. Mahoney, RPh

Credentials were reviewed and approved for 23 new Technician Training Program Directors in 2010. As of this past August Commission on Credentialing meeting, there were 158 technician training programs in the accreditation process!

TECHNICIAN CONTINUING EDUCATION

Web and Podcast Continuing Education on Advancing the Pharmacy Team

Learn about innovative roles for PTCB certified pharmacy technicians! Participate in a free continuing education activity for pharmacy technicians and pharmacists. This activity will highlight innovative practices for pharmacy technicians that advance the entire pharmacy team, and outline the benefits of Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) certification in seeking these career paths. This activity is available in two formats: Web-Based CE and Podcast for 2 hours (0.2 CEUs) of continuing education credit and will be available through August 31, 2011.

<http://www.ashpmedia.org/symposia/innovation/overview.html>

REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND

45th ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition

Anaheim Convention Center

Anaheim, California December 5-9, 2010

<http://www.ashp.org/Midyear2010/RegistrationHotel/Register-for-the-Meeting.aspx>

[Early-bird registration deadline: October 20, 2010](#)

Educator Related Programming

Sunday, December 5, 2010

There is no CE associated with these Sunday events

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm New and Prospective Technician Training Programs
209 A, Level 2, Convention Center

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Pharmacy Technician Training Program Directors & Instructors
Town hall 209 A, level 2, Convention Center

A perfect forum for pharmacy technician training program directors and instructors to learn about hot issues that are happening in pharmacy technician training program accreditation. Time will be spent in discussing what's new from the Accreditation Services Division regarding pharmacy technician training program accreditation, as well as a presentation from a site that has stepped up this year in new areas in pharmacy technician training. Major David C. Walmsley, Air Force Service Lead, DoD Pharmacy Technician Training, Ft Sam Houston, Texas and Lieutenant Commander Christopher G. Lynch, Director, DoD Pharmacy Technician Training, Ft Sam Houston will be presenting their enlightening innovations from the blending initiative for federal pharmacy technicians. A groundbreaking partnership between the Department of Defense Pharmacy Technician Training programs and the Department of Veterans Affairs, the blended learning program was designed to meet the goals of all stakeholders and the Advanced Distributed Learning vision to "provide access to the highest quality education and training". Further, this presentation describes a successful application of the concept of sharable content for multiple audiences and organizations. The session will conclude with discussions of how collaboration has improved the overall quality of the program, while ensuring needs of each individual agency. In addition, this will certainly offer technician training program directors and instructors from the non-federal sector opportunities to learn from this initiative and take home terrific tips to implement within their program.

Pharmacy Technician CE Programming at this meeting:

Monday December 7th

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PTCB Certified Technicians: Part of the Medication Safety Team

Planned in cooperation with the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board

2.0 Contact Hours / Knowledge-based

2:05 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

Certified Pharmacy Technicians: Team Up for Safety!

Deb Saine, MS, RPh

2:35 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.

Pharmacy Technicians and Medication Safety: Identifying Specific Roles

Jackie Pardee

3:05 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

PTCB Update

Carol R. Carnohan, BS Pharm

3:40 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Questions, Answers, and Discussion

5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Identifying the Pharmacy Technician Role in Information Technology to Reduce Medication Errors and Enhance Patient Quality and Safety Networking Session

hosted by the ASHP Section of Pharmacy Informatics and Technology's Advisory Group on Clinical Information Systems.

Tuesday December 8th

Just for Techs—Part 1 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

3.0 Contact Hours / Knowledge-based

Multiple people in the technician field will be giving insightful information about their positions, careers, and topics of interest in the pharmacy profession.

Just for Techs—Part 2 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

2.0 Contact Hours / Knowledge-based

2:05 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Technician Involvement in ASHP State Affiliates Organizations

Beverly L. Black, MHSA, CAE; Hannah K. Vanderpool, PharmD, MA

2:15 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

How to Get Involved in Your State

Lezlie Cohn-Oswald, CPhT; Winona Thomas, CPhT

2:35 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Getting It Done: Using Automation More Efficiently


Mark Brunton, CPhT; Richard C. Ponder, MBA, CMRP

3:00 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.

State Requirements for Pharmacy Technicians

Lezlie Cohn-Oswald, CPhT; Winona Thomas, CPhT

3:25 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.



Pharmacy Technicians and Health Care Reform

3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Questions, Answers, and Discussion

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (No CE for this portion)

Roundtable Discussions

<http://www.ashp.org/Midyear2010/GeneralInformation/ForPharmacyTechnicians.aspx>

Pharmacy technicians registered for the meeting may attend any educational session on any day/time. Sessions designated with a “T” may be more appropriate for pharmacy technicians.

SEE YOU AT THE MIDYEAR!!!