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"Pharmacy Technicians:
Committed to Patient Safety"

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.

NATIONAL PHARMACY TECHNICIAN DAY
October 25, 2011

News You Can Use

Get Involved in the Update to the ASHP Accreditation Standard for Pharmacy Technician Training Programs!

The process of updating the ASHP Accreditation Standard for Pharmacy Technician Training Programs has begun. If you are a director of a program, you will soon be receiving a survey in which you can weigh in on what you think should be kept, deleted, revised or added to the current standard. Anyone who doesn't receive the survey but would like to offer opinions on the update to the standard is invited to take the survey, which is posted on our website. Access the survey by clicking the "Accreditation" tab on the ASHP website (www.ashp.org), then select "Additional Resources" and "Technician Standards Update Survey." Or use this link:

<http://www.ashp.org/menu/Accreditation/Resources.aspx>

Input received from the survey will be considered by a group of experts to develop the first draft of the revision to the standard. This first draft will be made available for review and comment this Spring by all interested parties before final revisions and approval.

ASHP staff will be available for Town Halls on the new standard, as invited, including at the December 2012 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting. The plan calls for requesting approval at the August 2013 Commission on Credentialing meeting. We look forward to your comments.

ASHP Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and ASHP Research and Education Foundation have launched a [new Web-based assessment tool](#) and set of national goals and measurements to help hospital pharmacists determine how their health systems align with the recommendations of the Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative (PPMI). The goal of this initiative is to significantly advance the health and well being of patients by developing and disseminating a futuristic practice model that supports the most effective use of pharmacists as direct patient care providers. As part of this initiative, advancing the role of pharmacy technicians who assist pharmacists in health systems is examined and discussed. <http://www.ashp.org/PPMI/AboutPPMI.aspx>

ASHP Pharmacy Technician Training Brochure Available:

This brochure discusses the value of ASHP accreditation of pharmacy technician training programs and is free for downloading and use in your program:

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

Update your online directory listing: Send any corrections or new information about your program 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/technicians/> (Updated 2011)

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.

Pharmacy Technician Certification Board C.R.E.S.T. Summit

PTCB convened pharmacy thought leaders for the C.R.E.S.T. Summit, held February 17–18, 2011, in Palm Beach, FL. C.R.E.S.T. represents Consumer Awareness, Resources, Education, State Policy, and Testing. The invitational summit served as a forum to address current issues and provide critical feedback to PTCB and the pharmacy profession about future directions and resource development. Summit attendees included pharmacists, Certified Pharmacy Technicians (CPhTs), educators, major employers, State Boards of Pharmacy, as well as state and national pharmacy associations. For more information about this Summit, visit:

http://www.ptcb.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=CREST_Summit&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=4234

Congratulations to the following new technician training programs that were awarded ASHP accreditation in 2011:

Anthem College, Sacramento, CA

Central New Mexico Community College, Albuquerque, NM

Everest Institute-Detroit, Detroit, MI

Everest Institute-Eagan Campus, Eagan, MN

Everest Institute-Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI

Everest Institute-South Plainfield, South Plainfield, NJ

Forsyth Community College, Winston-Salem, NC

National American University-Bloomington, Bloomington, MN

National American University-Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Center, MN

South Texas College, McAllen, TX

Virginia College-Augusta, Augusta, GA

Virginia College-Montgomery, Montgomery AL

Virginia College-North Charleston, North Charleston, SC

York Technical College, Rock Hill, SC

Congratulations to all of these programs, their program directors, and students!

Credentials were reviewed and approved for 53 new Technician Training Program Directors in 2011. As of this past August Commission on Credentialing meeting, there were 195 technician training programs in the accreditation process!

All new programs should post information about their programs to the online directory as it is a widely searched tool used by potential students. Contact ASD@ashp.org for a form to complete.

REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND

46th ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition

December 4-8, 2011

Ernest N. Morial Convention Center

New Orleans, Louisiana

<http://www.ashp.org/Midyear2011>

Early Bird Registration ends October 19, 2011

<http://www.ashp.org/Midyear2011/Registration/Meeting-Registration.aspx>

Continuing Education for Pharmacy Technicians Available:

<http://www.ashp.org/Midyear2011/General/InformationFor/Technicians.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. A sample of those of interest for pharmacy technicians include:

Sunday, December 4

9:00 am – 11:00 am Professional and Academic Publishing: Putting Your Ideas into

Practice
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Federal Forum 2011

Monday, December 5

9:00 am – 10:30 am Opening Session and Keynote (Non-CE)
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm PTCB Certified Pharmacy Technicians: Playing a Critical Role in Practice Model Change
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Global Perspectives on Hospital Pharmacy

Tuesday, December 6

8:00 am – 11:00 am NO LAgging: Being on the Forefront of Pharmacy Technician Practice - Part 1
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Liability for Pharmacy Technicians: Protecting Yourself and Your Hospital
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm NO LAgging: Being on the Forefront of Pharmacy Technician Practice - Part 2

Wednesday, December 7

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Informatics Pearls 2011: Bytes of Informatics

Thursday, December 8

9:00 am – 11:00 am Building a Just Patient Safety Culture
9:00 am – 12:00 pm Managing People before Tasks
12:05 pm – 1:50 pm [Networking Luncheon with Explorer Jeff Salz](#) (Non-CE)
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Strategies for Embracing Your Imbalanced Life

Accreditation Services Update: Educator Related Programming

Sunday, December 5, 2010

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm New and Prospective Technician Training Programs Rm 339

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Pharmacy Technician Training Program Directors & Instructors
Town Hall Rm 339

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.

SEE YOU AT THE MIDYEAR!!

