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Welcome to the inaugural edition of *The Pharmacy Technician Education TABLET*, an online newsletter devoted exclusively to pharmacy technician training program directors and educators of ASHP-accredited pharmacy technician training programs. The intent of this newsletter is to provide you with current news in pharmacy technician program accreditation and an avenue of communication about issues and challenges facing programs. The newsletter will appear online in the ASHP website under the main "Accreditation" tab, then under "Pharmacy Technician Accreditation". It will be published twice a year in the spring and fall. We welcome any comments and suggestions for topics to be presented and discussed in this newsletter. Please send to kfulginiti@ashp.org or call 301-664-8726.



CELEBRATE the 19th ANNUAL NATIONAL PHARMACY
TECHNICIAN DAY
October 20, 2009

"Pharmacy Technicians: Educated, Trained, Dedicated
Pharmacy Professionals"

This year's theme was selected by the American Association of Pharmacy Technicians and the Pharmacy Technician Educator's Council. A link is provided to their materials: <http://pharmacytechnician.com/TECH%20DAY%202009-flyer.pdf>

ASHP Applauds Council's Framework for Credentialing Pharmacy Technicians

ASHP applauds the guidance document "Pharmacy Technician Credentialing Framework" (PDF), just released by the Council on Credentialing in Pharmacy. The CCP, founded in 1999, is a coalition of 13 national pharmacy organizations committed to providing leadership, guidance, public information, and coordination for credentialing programs in or relevant to pharmacy. ASHP is a member of the Council. The document urges the pharmacy profession to establish national standards of quality for education, training, certification and regulation of pharmacy technicians in all practice settings in order to protect public health and safety and assist pharmacists in providing optimal patient care. Establishing national standards for the training, education, and certification of pharmacy technicians is a top issue for ASHP, which established the Pharmacy Technician Initiative in 2008. Through the initiative, ASHP is partnering with its state affiliates to advocate for state laws that require completion of an ASHP-accredited pharmacy technician training program and certification by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board in order to be registered as a pharmacy technician.

ASHP Partners with 19 States to Standardize Technician Requirements

Nineteen state affiliates have joined ASHP's push for state laws that require, as a prerequisite for state board registration, completion of ASHP-accredited pharmacy technician training and Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) certification.

The 19 participating states are: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, and Wyoming.

National Association of Boards of Pharmacy

The NABP convened a task force on Standardized Pharmacy Technician Education and Training on September 9-10, 2008.

Recommendations of the task force can be found at:

http://www.nabp.net/ftpfiles/NABP01/Standardized_Pharmacy_Technician_Education_Training.pdf

PTCB is allowing directors of ASHP-accredited technician programs to check on exam results for their students free of charge. Schools must request the information from PTCB as it is not automatically pushed out. Ellie Dorsey is the contact person at PTCB for this service. Her e-mail address is ejd@ptcb.org

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grant Funds Made Available:

The Department of Labor is accepting applications through October 5, 2009 for \$220 million in competitive grants to prepare workers for careers in health care (Pharmacy Technicians are specifically listed) and other high growth areas:

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

News You Can Use



ASHP CONNECT

Finally a way to "talk" to other programs when seeking information or advice for your program!

Accreditation Services Division announces the availability of a forum for open discussion among **ASHP members** who are pharmacy technician program directors and educators through the web-based ASHP Connect. Members are able to post questions and submit attachments for others to read, use, and reply to. It will be moderated by an ASD employee. Go to the ASHP website www.ashp.org, click on ASHP Connect in the "Popular Links" box, sign in, and join the conversation!

Congratulations to the following new programs that were awarded ASHP accreditation in 2009 and their program directors:

Aiken Technical College, Aiken, SC.....Wayne T. Sullivan, BS, AS, RT(R)
Arkansas State University-Beebe, Searcy, AR..... Janet Liles, BS, CPhT
Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington, NC.....Catherine Ballard, PharmD, RPh
Chemeketa Community College, Salem, OR.....Cheryl Buckholz, PhD
Everest College, West Valley City, UT.....Kari Stirland
High-Tech Institute, Las Vegas, NV.....Tijeria Delgado
Mid Michigan Community College-Mt. Pleasant, Harrison, MI.....Dawn Tesner, BS, CPhT

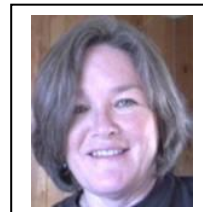
Midwest Technical Institute, Springfield, IL..... Debra Kunkel, BA, LPT, CPhT
 Modesto Junior College, Modesto, CA.....Michael Spencer, PharmD
 National American University, Roseville, MN.....Patricia A. Schommer
 National American University, Sioux Falls, SD.....Ann K. Oberg, BS, CPhT
 Pikes Peak Community College, Colorado Springs, CO.....Nicole Motes
 Rite Aid Pharmacy, Camp Hill, PA.....Constance M. Infantino
 Roane State Community College, Harriman, TN.....Marianna Mabry
 Sanford-Brown College, Houston, TX..... Bryan Stout, CPhT, RPhT
 Sanford-Brown Institute, Fort Lauderdale, FL.....George W. Strothmann, Jr., CPhT
 Sanford-Brown Institute, Garden City, NY.....Thomas Fridley
 Sanford-Brown Institute, Houston, TX.....Chad Morgan
 Southeast Community College, Beatrice, NE..... Elina Pierce
 Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls, SD.....Deborah G. Cummings

Credentials were reviewed and approved for 43 new Technician Training Program Directors in 2009. As of this past August Commission on Credentialing meeting, there were 149 technician training programs in the accreditation process!

Meet your new Commission on Credentialing (COC) member:

Mary S. McHugh, Pharm.D., RPh

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Dr. McHugh's term as the representative for technician educators on the ASHP Commission on Credentialing officially begins in January 2010 and ends December 2012. She will be responsible for assisting in the Commission's review of technician programs seeking accreditation and will be a voice for pharmacy technician issues at these meetings. Dr. McHugh will also be a co-surveyor on several new and re-accreditation survey visits as part of her duties.

Thanks go to outgoing Commission member and pharmacy technician educator representative, **Marlene Lamnin, RPh**, from Western Career College in San Leandro, CA. Her appointment ends December 2009.

ASHP Technician Training Program Website Postings:

The Accreditation Services Division has compiled a group of sample forms utilized by various ASHP-accredited pharmacy technician training programs. Programs are welcome to download and modify the forms for use at their site.

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

Programs may request a review of their forms for possible inclusion on this list by emailing Katrin Fulginiti in the Accreditation Services Division at kfulginiti@ashp.org.

Thanks to the following individuals who submitted examples to share:

Kenix Bui.....Virginia College at Austin, Austin, TX
Karen Davis.....Southeastern Technical College, Vidalia, GA
Rachel Dille.....Bidwell Training Center, Pittsburgh, PA
Debra Kunkel.....Midwest Technical Institute, Springfield, IL
Janet Liles.....Arkansas State University-Beebe, Searcy, AR
Mary McHugh.....University of Montana-Missoula College of Technology, Missoula, MT
Jeannie Oldham.....St. Catharine College, St. Catharine, KY

TECHNICIAN CONTINUING EDUCATION

Several ASHP continuing education programs have been produced with the pharmacy technicians in mind. They are free of charge. Information can be incorporated into your educational classes for current students and also shared with your graduates.

Pharmacy Technician Workforce: Trained, Tested, Trusted, recorded June 2008, 2.0 hours CE credit for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians (released 08/15/08 available until 03/01/10)

Pharmaceutical Waste Management: Issues and Options for Health Systems recorded July 2007. Series of 2 programs. 2.0 hours of CE credit for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians (released 09/01/07 available until 08/31/10).

Pharmacy Technician Roles in Sterile IV Compounding: Challenges, Opportunities, and Competencies, 2.0 hours of CE credit (released on 3/16/09 available until 8/31/10)



REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND

44th ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition

December 6-10, 2009 The Venetian Hotels and Sands Exposition Center, Las Vegas, NV

<http://www.ashp.org/Midyear2009/RegistrationHotel.aspx>

[Early-bird registration deadline: October 21, 2009](#)

Accreditation Services Update: Educator Related Programming

Sunday, December 6, 2009 (Meeting rooms to be determined)

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

2:00 – 3:00 pm Technician Training Program Directors and Instructors Town Hall

Pharmacy Technician CE Programming at this meeting:

Advancing the Pharmacy Technician Team: Innovative Roles for PTCB Certified Pharmacy Technicians

Monday, December 7, 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Educational Sessions of Your Choice

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 8 and 9

Strategies for Pharmacists and Technicians: Dealing with Difficult People

Thursday, December 10, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Gaining Trust: Building Credibility as Part of the Medical Team

Thursday, December 10, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

<http://www.ashp.org/Midyear2009/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.