

# Technician Position Statements from ASHP

## **Pharmacy Technician Training**

*Source: Council on Educational Affairs –update approved 0707*

To support the goal that technicians entering the pharmacy work force have completed an ASHP-accredited program of training; further,

To encourage expansion of ASHP-accredited pharmacy technician training programs.

*This policy supersedes ASHP policy 0212*

## **Uniform State Laws and Regulations Regarding Pharmacy Technicians (0412)**

*Source: Council on Legal and Public Affairs*

To advocate that pharmacy move toward the following model with respect to technicians as the optimal approach to protecting public health and safety: (1) development and adoption of uniform state laws and regulations regarding pharmacy technicians; (2) mandatory completion of a nationally accredited standardized program of education and training as a prerequisite to pharmacy technician certification; and (3) mandatory certification by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (or another comparable nationally validated, psychometrically sound certification program approved by the state board of pharmacy) as a prerequisite to the state board of pharmacy granting the technician permission to engage in the full scope of responsibilities authorized by the state; further,

To advocate registration of pharmacy technicians by state boards of pharmacy; further,

To advocate, with respect to certification, as an interim measure until the optimal model is fully implemented, that individuals be required either (1) to have completed a nationally accredited standardized program of education and training or (2) to have at least one year of full-time equivalent experience as pharmacy technicians before they are eligible to become certified; further, To advocate that licensed pharmacists be held accountable for the quality of pharmacy services provided and the actions of pharmacy technicians under their charge.

*(Note: Certification is the process by which a nongovernmental agency or association grants recognition to an individual who has met certain predetermined qualifications specified by that agency or association. Registration is the process of making a list or being enrolled in an existing list; registration should be used to help safeguard the public through interstate and intrastate*

tracking of the technician work force and preventing individuals with documented problems from serving as pharmacy technicians.)

*This policy supersedes ASHP policy 0322.*