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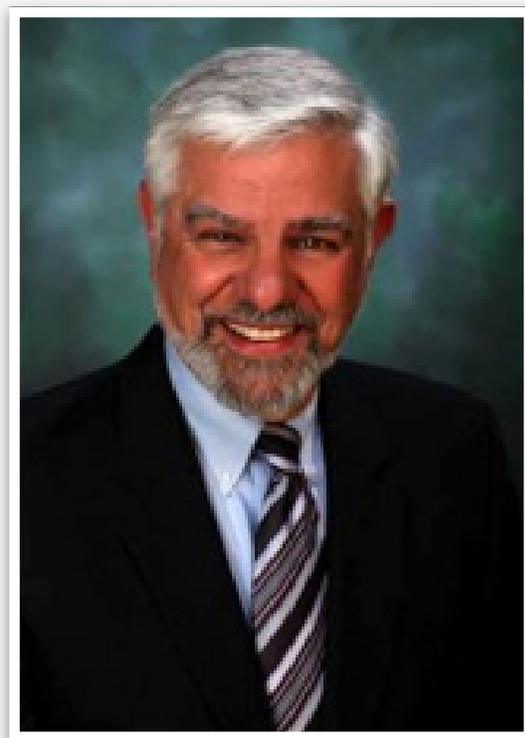
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A Note of Thanks

Retirement of Peter H. Vlasses, PharmD, DSc (Hon.), FCCP

Dr. Peter H. Vlasses will retire on August 30, 2019 from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). Pete has served as ACPE's Executive Director for 20 years and has been a leader in the profession of pharmacy for nearly 45 years. Pete has also been a strong advocate for standardization of pharmacy technician education and training and instrumental in partnering with ASHP to develop accreditation standards for ASHP/ACPE jointly accredited pharmacy technician programs.



Pete's successor, former APhA President Janet Engle, will begin as ACPE's Executive Director in September 2019. More information can be found [here](#).

Pharmacy Technician Uses Skills to Save a Life

Lonle Wall, a high school student who is also taking college-level courses through a dual enrollment program at Pinellas County Technical College near Tampa, Florida, used a very important skill he learned in his advanced-level pharmacy technician education and training program – Basic Life Support and CPR certification. A Key Element for Advanced Level programs, CPR certification helped Lonle to save his manager’s life.



On April 27, 2019, Lonle was working at a local Walmart as a cashier. He noticed the store manager walking through the aisles of the store as usual. Lonle was assisting a customer when he noticed his store manager face down on the floor. Lonle rushed to his side and turned him over, then noticed the blue color of his skin. Lonle knew exactly what to do and started chest compressions. Lonle and a few other employees continued CPR until the EMTs arrived.

The store manager is alive today due to Lonle’s quick thinking and the CPR training that he had as part of the program.

New Accreditation Standards for Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Programs

Curriculum Crosswalk Template – Update

The initial submission of the Curriculum Crosswalk Template was due for all programs May 31, 2019. This template, based on the Model Curriculum, was developed as a tool to help new and existing programs determine their program type – entry level or advanced level. Once this information has been reviewed and validated, it will be updated in the directory.

For accreditation purposes, programs must maintain an up-to-date version of their Crosswalk document to be submitted with initial and reaccreditation applications.

Note: All programs currently have the ability to update their own program information in the directory with the exception of the program director and organization names. These items must be reported to asd@ashp.org as soon as possible and office staff will update the information listed as exceptions.

Reminders: New Standards Implementation Timeline and Required Reporting

- The [Standards](#) became effective for new programs as of January 1, 2019. The deadline for existing programs to incorporate these standards into their programs is January 1, 2020.
- New programs must choose a training level at the time of application.
- Any changes to a program's level of training will require the submission of a new application (e.g., moving to/from entry level to/from advanced level)

Resources for Program Development

- [Accreditation Standards, Regulations, and Other Tools](#)
- [Guidance Document](#)
- [Model Curriculum](#)
- [Curriculum Crosswalk Example](#)
- [Applying for Accreditation](#) - Guidelines and Application Form

Informational Videos

- [10 Key Steps to ASHP / ACPE Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Program Accreditation](#) (December 2018)
- [2019 ASHP/ACPE Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Accreditation Standards](#) (video 1 of 2 - December 2018)
- [2019 ASHP/ACPE Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Accreditation Standards](#) (video 2 of 2 - December 2018)

PTAC Biannual Meeting

May 1-2, 2019 Bethesda, MD

Program Accreditation/Reaccreditation

The Commission reviewed survey site visit reports for 14 new programs and 7 previously accredited programs seeking reaccreditation. Midterm reports (10) and special case reports (11) were also reviewed along with 29 applications for new program directors. As of the date of the meeting, 249 programs are in the accreditation process which includes accredited programs and programs in candidate status.

Congratulations to the following programs that were granted initial accreditation or reaccreditation!

Initial Accreditation

- Lee Health, Fort Myers, Florida
- Lake Technical College - Eustis, Florida

- Altierus Career College - Norcross, Georgia
- Idaho State University, College of Technology - Pocatello, Idaho
- Pima Medical Institute, Albuquerque Campus - Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Distance Education Co. / New York Institute of Career Development - New York, New York
- Sinclair College - Dayton, Ohio
- Scioto County Career Technical Center - Lucasville, Ohio
- Cleveland Job Corps Center - Cleveland, Ohio
- Pima Medical Institute - El Paso, Texas
- Davis Technical College - Kaysville, Utah
- Ogden-Weber Technical College - Ogden, Utah
- Pima Medical Institute, Seattle Campus - Seattle, Washington

Reaccreditation

- Santa Ana College, Santa Ana, California
- Pinellas Technical College, St. Petersburg, Florida
- Midwest Technical Institute - East Peoria, East Peoria, Illinois
- KCTCS Somerset Community College, London, Kentucky
- Healthcare Training Institute, Kenner, Louisiana
- Northwest Vista College, San Antonio, Texas
- Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas

Advocacy Update

Nicholas Gentile, ASHP's Director for State Grassroots Advocacy and Political Action, provided an update regarding new pharmacy technician regulations from state boards of pharmacy. The importance of ensuring that Boards of Pharmacy, state affiliates, prospective students, educational programs, employers, and other stakeholders are aware of the importance and value of ASHP/ACPE accreditation for pharmacy technician training and education programs was also discussed.

Of interest, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently published a feature article on the expanding role of pharmacy technicians in its June 2019 SCIENCE IN BRIEF issue. The article, entitled Expanding Pharmacy Technicians Roles to Assist With Patient Medication Adherence, can be found at the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/dhdsdp/pubs/docs/SIB-feature-June2019-508.pdf>

PTAC Board Members

- Donna S. Wall, BCPS, FASHP Chair
- Barbara Lacher, BS, RPHTECH, CPHT Vice Chair
- John J. Smith, ED Past Chair
- Denise Frank
- Charles E. Daniels, PhD
- Michael Diamond, MSc
- Barbara Giacomelli, PharmD, MBA

- Janet Kozakiewicz, MS, PharmD, FASHP
 - Jeannie Pappas, RPT, CPhT
 - Matthew A. Rewald, CPhT
 - Lisa S. Lifshin, BS Pharm, ASHP Secretary (non-voting)
 - LIAISON TO ACPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS- Michael A. Moné, RPH, JD, FAPHA (non-voting)
 - LIAISON TO ASHP BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Kathleen S. Pawlicki, BS Pharm, MS, RPh, FASHP (non-voting)
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Midyear Clinical Meeting

December 8-12, 2019 Las Vegas, Nevada

Keynote Address: No Higher Honor: A Conversation with Condoleezza Rice

Condoleezza Rice is currently the Denning Professor in Global Business and the Economy at the Stanford Graduate School of Business; the Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy at the Hoover Institution; and a professor of Political Science at Stanford University. She is also a founding partner of RiceHadleyGates, LLC.

From January 2005 to 2009, Rice served as the 66th Secretary of State of the United States, the second woman and first



African American woman to hold the post. Rice also served as President George W. Bush's Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (National Security Advisor) from January 2001 to 2005, the first woman to hold the position.

More information about the meeting can be found on [ASHP's website](#).

Pharmacy Technician-specific Continuing Education

Once again, ASHP's Midyear Clinical Meeting will provide over 50 pharmacy technician-specific continuing education programs. Programming that is accredited for pharmacist continuing education through the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) may also be used to fulfill pharmacy technician continuing education requirements.

ASHP Pharmacy Technician Forum

Meet the 2019-2020 Pharmacy Technician Forum Executive Committee

The ASHP [Pharmacy Technician Forum](#) Executive Committee met during the 2019 ASHP Summer Meetings in Boston, Mass. The Committee finalized the Forum's 2019-2020 strategic plan and discussed critical issues impacting the pharmacy technician workforce. (Left to Right: Rafael Roman, Director-at-Large; Kathleen Pawlicki, ASHP President; JoAnne Myhre, Director-at-Large; Tara McNulty, Chair; Tyffani Wingfield, ASHP Director of Member Engagement and Pharmacy Technician Forum; Glen Gard, Vice Chair; and Chadi Abbas, Director-at-Large.



The [Strategic Goals](#) for the Forum were developed through the work of 5 advisory committees with the following charges:

- *The Membership Outreach and eCommunications Advisory Group* identifies and highlights ASHP tools and resources that benefit ASHP pharmacy technician members and identifies opportunities to promote the integral role pharmacy technicians play as members of the healthcare team through various communications channels.

- *The Patient Care Quality Advisory Group* advises and affects positive change on quality measures and other standards affecting the role of pharmacy technicians in the medication use process.
- *The Practice Advancement and Advocacy Advisory Group* develops and promotes communications to increase discussion and engagement, as well as educate ASHP pharmacy technicians on relevant and current advocacy efforts related to the professionalization and practice advancement of the pharmacy technician workforce.
- *The Professional and Career Ladder Development Advisory Group* provides education and training materials for practicing pharmacy technicians and student pharmacy technicians.
- *The Educational Steering Committee* develops broad, high level educational programming from the Forum for ASHP pharmacy technicians.

As a reminder, ASHP technician members are automatically enrolled in the ASHP Pharmacy Technician Forum and will receive the following ASHP benefits:

- Access to PharmacyTechCE.org, which offers more than 40 hours of T-designated CE to meet requirements of PTCB certification, including law and medication safety
- A dedicated online resource center featuring valuable tools and information to help advance the technician profession at <https://www.ashp.org/>
- Exclusive access to technician-specific web resources and webinars
- Unlimited digital access to the world's premier pharmacy journal, AJHP—including the AJHP Pharmacy Technician Collection
- Free membership to any or all ASHP Sections
- Specialized email NewsLinks featuring technician-focused news and information
- A dedicated online technician community on [ASHP Connect](#)
- Exclusive member discounts on ASHP meeting registrations, publications and other products

Please share this information with your technician colleagues, and let them know to [sign up for complimentary Technician NewsLinks](#) to stay up to date with new developments from the Pharmacy Technician Forum.

To learn more about the ASHP Pharmacy Technician Forum visit www.ashp.org/technicians. Answers to commonly asked questions can be found in the [FAQ](#) section.

PTCB Updates

PTCB Awards Grants for Medication Safety Projects to Four State Pharmacy Associations

The Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) has awarded grants to four state pharmacy associations in Connecticut, Iowa, North Dakota, and Tennessee to support projects that promote medication safety and advance the role of pharmacy technicians. The grants were made through PTCB's new Partnership Funds Program launched in March to support selected projects of the 72 state pharmacy associations that participate in PTCB's State Associate Program. The four grants, totaling \$27,000, will fund activities in compounded sterile preparation, technician product verification (TPV), and best practices in medication safety. Please click [here](#) for more information.

PTCB Recertification is Now Easier and Faster: CPhTs Must Create Their NABP e-Profile Before They Recertify

PTCB has streamlined the recertification process so Certified Pharmacy Technicians (CPhTs) can renew in minutes. To use the new process, CPhTs must create an NABP e-Profile before their next recertification deadline. PTCB requires CPhTs to do so no later than October 2019. Having an NABP e-Profile allows CPhTs to track their completed continuing education hours in CPE Monitor. Please click [here](#) for more information.

PTCB Will Launch Advanced CPhT (CPhT-Adv) and Five Assessment-Based Certificate Programs

PTCB will expand its credentialing programs by adding five assessment-based certificate programs for advanced technician roles, and an Advanced Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT-Adv) credential. The new assessment-based certificate programs will recognize the important contributions pharmacy technicians make to advance medication safety. Candidates seeking to be a CPhT-Adv will be required to have earned at least four of the new certificates to be eligible.

For more information, please see PTCB's most current [newsletter](#).

PTEC Updates

The PTEC Annual Conference was held July 10-12, 2019 in San Antonio, Texas.

2019 Phil Naut Award Winner Kevin T. Pope

Kevin T. Hope, RPh is the 2019 recipient of the Phil Naut Award. Qualifications for this award include being a current associate member in good standing of PTEC, demonstrating a valued contribution to the education of pharmacy technicians, attending at least one annual meeting in the last three years, demonstrating their commitment to Pharmacy Technician education through participation in PTEC activities, such as contributing resources to the PTEC blog or forum, participating on a PTEC committee, and being a speaker at the PTEC annual meeting.



Mr. Hope is a Clinical Education Specialist and Continuing Education Administrator with the PharmCon team in Myrtle Beach, SC and a 1999 graduate from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Kevin has served as an adjunct faculty member for the South Carolina College of Pharmacy, having coordinated and instructed the college's 'authorized user' program for nuclear pharmacy. More recently, Kevin directed the pharmacy technology program at Horry Georgetown Technical College in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Kevin has received several professional awards, including the Pfizer Leadership Award, the Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award from the South Carolina Pharmacy Association, and the Phil Naut Associate Member Award from the Pharmacy Technician Educators Council. Kevin's passions lie in helping students, pharmacists, and technicians achieve and surpass personal educational goals.

2019 Roy Kemp Award Winner Sarah M. Lawrence

Sarah M. Lawrence, PharmD, MA, BCGP is the 2019 recipient of the Roy Kemp award. Qualifications for this award include being a current active member in good standing of PTEC, have demonstrated a valued contribution to the education of pharmacy technicians, have attended at least three years, and have demonstrated their commitment to pharmacy technician education through their participation in PTEC activities such as contributing resources to the PTEC blog or forum, participate on a PTEC committee, and or be a speaker at the PTEC annual meeting.



Dr. Lawrence has over 14 years of experience in the profession of pharmacy, as a technician, intern, and pharmacist. Her pharmacy experience includes community

pharmacy, corporate long-term care, and academia. She is board certified in Geriatrics. Dr. Lawrence served as Director of the pharmacy technician program at Sullivan University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences from 2016 to 2019. She has taught students at all levels of higher education, including undergraduate, masters, and doctoral students. Currently, Dr. Lawrence is an independent educational consultant and a health outcomes pharmacist for a large pharmacy organization. She is the national President of the Pharmacy Technician Educators Council. Dr. Lawrence is also a freelance writer, focusing primarily on women in pharmacy and pharmacy careers. She resides in Louisville, Kentucky with her husband David and their two sons Henry and Sam.

Products and Services



Earn an ASHP Professional Certificate in Sterile Product Preparation Training

This Professional Certificate program develops the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare sterile products safely and effectively. Participants will learn the history and evolution of aseptic processing as it relates to today's practice standards and will be taught the behaviors and skills required of all personnel engaged in compounding sterile products. The program reflects all pending changes associated with USP Chapter <797> and USP Chapter <800> has eight modules, provides 17.25 CE hours for pharmacists and technicians.



Learning and Mastering Pharmaceutical Calculations by Nicholas Ferencz

A valuable supplement to any pharmacy math course or textbook for students, technicians, or practitioners who look to sharpen their critical calculation skills.



Aseptic Compounding Technique: Learning and Mastering the Ritual by Zachary Thomas Jordan

An in-depth guide to all aspects of aseptic compounding work, including proper hand techniques and maintenance of sterile supplies and equipment.

Introduction to Acute and Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Practice, Second Edition (used to be called Introduction to Hospital and Health-System Pharmacy Practice) by David Holdford

This book was originally intended for schools of pharmacy but drew lots of interest from the technician programs. The second edition was updated to incorporate more

information specific to technicians.

***Compounding Sterile Preparations, Fourth Edition* by E. Clyde Buchanan, Philip Schneider, and Ryan Forrey**

New updated edition includes information on Chapter 800 and regulations related to the Drug Quality and Security Act. Seven new chapters and extensive online references.

Resources

Accreditation

- [ASHP Pharmacy Technician Practice and Policy](#)
- [Accreditation Regulations, Standards, and Other Tools](#)
- [Starting a Pharmacy Technician Training Program](#)
- [Applying for Accreditation](#)
- [Preparing for an Accreditation Survey](#)

Governance

- [Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission \(PTAC\)](#)
- [Pharmacy Technician Certification Board \(PTCB\)](#)
- [Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education \(ACPE\) Pharmacy Technician Education Accreditation Collaboration](#)
- [American Society of Health-system Pharmacists \(ASHP\)](#)
- [Pharmacy Technician Forum](#)

Other Resources

- Pharmacy Technician Development: [ASHP Store](#) (search for Pharmacy Technicians under the Topics section)
- PTCB's Practice Tools: <http://ptcb.org/get-certified/prepare/practice-exam-and-tools>

Education and Workforce Development

- [Pharmacy Technician Educators Council \(PTEC\)](#)
- [Pharmacy Workforce Center \(PWC\)](#)

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