



Criteria for Recognition of a Novel PGY2 Residency in a New Advanced Area of Pharmacy Practice

Background: from the 2015 ASHP Accreditation Standard for Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2) Pharmacy Residency Programs

- 3.2.b. At the beginning of the resident's program, RPDs must document an individualized set of program competency areas, educational goals, and educational objectives for each resident. In doing so, PGY2 residencies in advanced areas of pharmacy practice must draw upon the program competency areas, educational goals, and educational objectives that have been developed by ASHP specifically for that practice area¹ (e.g., critical care, drug information, geriatrics, oncology, ambulatory care). RPDs may establish additional program competency areas, educational goals, and educational objectives that reflect the site's strengths.

For PGY2 residencies in advanced areas of clinical pharmacy practice for which ASHP has not developed a complete set of competency areas, educational goals, and educational objectives, a generic set of program competency areas, educational goals, and educational objectives (*Program Competency Areas, Educational Goals, and Educational Objectives for PGY2 Residencies in an Advanced Area of Pharmacy Practice*¹) is available. This generic set of advanced clinical practice goals and objectives is provided as a required framework for programs that must develop their own Standard-mandated, area-specific, complete set of program competency areas, educational goals, and educational objectives. Also, RPDs for programs in non-clinical practice areas lacking ASHP-developed program competency areas, educational goals, and educational objectives must develop a complete set for their residencies. In both cases, RPDs must provide ASHP's Accreditation Service Office their complete set of program competency areas, educational goals, and educational objectives at the time of application. These competency areas, educational goals, educational objectives must be reviewed by the ASHP Commission on Credentialing before the application for accreditation status will be accepted.

Proposal Review: the ASHP Commission on Credentialing (COC) will evaluate proposals and determine whether ASHP will accredit PGY2 residency programs in a new advanced area of pharmacy practice in accordance with the criteria set forth below.

Applications for accreditation of PGY2 residency programs in a new advanced area of pharmacy practice and proposed associated competency areas, educational goals and objectives shall be sent to the Accreditation Services Office of ASHP.

Applications must describe and provide evidence that the new advanced area of pharmacy practice:

- a. demonstrates that the clinical care of patients and their safety will be improved through recognition of education in that discipline;

- b. is sufficiently distinct from other ASHP-approved advance areas of pharmacy practice based on major concepts in medical science and the delivery of patient care;
- c. represents a new or well-defined field of pharmacy practice not currently represented;
- d. offers educational content that cannot be incorporated within established residency programs;
- e. will generate sufficient interest and resources to establish the critical mass of quality residency programs with long-term commitment for successful integration of the graduates in the health care system nationally; and,
- f. is recognized as the primary pathway to the competent preparation of pharmacists in the new advanced area of pharmacy practice.

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