



## **Criteria for Recognition of a Novel PGY2 Residency in a New Advanced Area of Pharmacy Practice and Review Process**

**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, residency program directors (RPDs) must document an individualized set of program competency areas, educational goals, and educational objectives (CAGOs) 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 and approved by the Commission on Credentialing specifically for that practice area (e.g., critical care, health-system pharmacy administration, geriatrics, oncology, ambulatory care). RPDs may create additional program CAGOs 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*) 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, and educational objectives must be reviewed by the ASHP Commission on Credentialing before the application for accreditation status will be accepted.

### **Proposal Review Process**

An application and proposal for accreditation of a PGY2 residency program 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 ([asd@ashp.org](mailto:asd@ashp.org)). The curriculum vitae and completed academic and professional record of the residency program director must also be supplied.

The ASHP Commission on Credentialing (COC) will evaluate the applications, residency program director credentials and qualifications, CAGOS, and proposals to determine whether ASHP will accredit PGY2 residency programs in a new advanced area of pharmacy practice in accordance with the criteria set forth below.

Proposals must describe and provide evidence (references as applicable) that the new advanced area of pharmacy practice:

- a. demonstrates that the care of patients and their safety will be improved through recognition of education in that discipline;
- b. is sufficiently distinct from other ASHP-approved advanced 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.

The site shall be notified of the decision of the ASHP Commission on Credentialing on acceptance or rejection of the application and proposal.

If accepted and recognized by the COC, the ASHP Accreditation Services Office shall process the application and provide the program created CAGOs to the McCreddie group for inclusion in PharmAcademic™.

If sufficient interest exists whereby three or more programs consider offering this new advanced area of pharmacy residency training, ASHP will consider developing an official set of CAGOs in the advanced practice area for approval and publication by the COC.

**Sustainability and Relevance of the Novel PGY2 Residency Program:**

Following approval, ASHP shall report on application activity to the COC for the new advanced area of pharmacy residency training. The COC shall have the right to review and determine the continued viability of any recognized and accredited novel PGY2 residency program on a cyclical basis following an update of the PGY2 residency accreditation standard and CAGOs and a review of relevancy to the profession and these set criteria.

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