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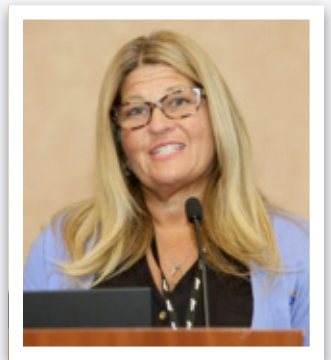
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## ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting

The 51st ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting (MCM) was kicked off by an entertaining and informative keynote speech by former pro football quarterback, Peyton Manning. Attendance at the meeting broke all previous records making it largest MCM in ASHP history!

The 2016 MCM also included many pharmacy technician-specific CE sessions in addition to an update on the October, 2016 meeting of the Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission (PTAC) led by Lisa Lifshin, Director of Pharmacy Technician Accreditation and Residency Services. The session was well-attended and the discussion lively!



# Highlights of the October 24-26, 2016 PTAC Meeting

PTAC held its biannual meeting October 24-26, 2016 in Bethesda, Maryland. In addition to reviewing survey reports and applications for new program directors, members also reviewed new draft regulations for pharmacy technician training program accreditation which will be presented to the boards of directors of ASHP and ACPE following the next PTAC meeting which will be held May 9-10, 2017 at ASHP headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland.

## **Program Accreditation/Reaccreditation**

The Commission reviewed survey site visit reports for 12 new programs and 12 previously accredited programs seeking reaccreditation. Midterm reports (12) and special case reports (13) were also reviewed along with 17 applications for new program directors. As of the date of the meeting, 271 programs are in the accreditation process which includes accredited programs and programs in candidate status.

Congratulations to the following programs for meeting the accreditation standards for pharmacy technician training programs!

### **Initial Accreditation**

- Carrington College – Mesa, Mesa, Arizona
- Unitek College, Fremont, California
- Pasco Hernando State College, New Port Richey, Florida
- Lewis-Clark State College, Lewiston, Idaho
- Infinity College, Lafayette, Louisiana
- Fortis College Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Ross Medical Education Centers LLC – Saginaw, Saginaw, Michigan
- Central Oregon Community College, Bend, Oregon
- Carrington College – Spokane, Spokane, Washington
- Gateway Technical College, Burlington, Wisconsin

### **Reaccreditation**

- Virginia College – Montgomery, Montgomery, Alabama
- North-West College - West Covina, West Covina, California
- North-West College – Pasadena, Pasadena, California
- North-West College – Pomona, Pomona, California
- North-West College – Glendale, Glendale, California
- American Career College – Anaheim, Anaheim, California
- Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, Valdosta, Georgia
- Greenville Technical College, Greenville, South Carolina

- Trident Technical College, Charleston, South Carolina
  - Spartanburg Community College, Spartanburg, South Carolina
  - Virginia College – Greenville, Greenville, South Carolina
  - South Texas College, McAllen, Texas
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## **Pharmacy Technician Stakeholders Consensus Conference - Register Now for Live Webinars**

### **February 14-16, 2017 Dallas, Texas**

As reported in the Summer 2016 issue of the Tablet, a major invitational consensus conference on technician issues is being convened by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) in collaboration with ASHP and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). Slated for February 14-16, 2017, in Dallas, Texas, the event will bring together more than 100 opinion leaders from all sectors of pharmacy in pursuit of consensus on next steps in advancing the occupation of pharmacy technician. A broad-based 14-member advisory committee, including technician and technician-educator representation, has guided the planning of the conference.

Conference recommendations are likely to address, among other matters, development of a consistent nationwide process for ensuring the competence of technicians in all sectors of pharmacy. Kicking off the event will be keynote speakers Michael A. Moné of Cardinal Health and Christopher Jerry of the Emily Jerry Foundation. Dr. Moné, who has extensive experience in pharmacy law and regulations and accreditation of pharmacy education, will speak from the perspective of the pharmacy profession. Mr. Jerry, whose organization is dedicated to improving medical safety, will speak from the public perspective.

Panels of practitioners will address optimal requirements for entry-level practice, opportunities for advanced practice, and models for moving forward on technician issues. Conferees will meet in small groups to draft the recommendations that will be put to a vote at the end of the meeting.

**Webinar broadcasts of the four plenary sessions, including the final polling session, can be watched by those who register in advance. [[click here for Webinar Registration](#)]**

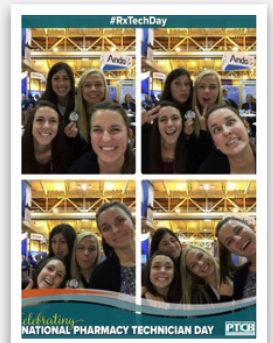
# PTCB Celebrates National Pharmacy Technician Day

October 18, 2016 marked the celebration of National Pharmacy Technician Day. In honor of the day, PTCB Executive Director and CEO Everett B. McAllister, MPA, RPh shared his executive message with more than 280,000 pharmacy technicians, commending them for their commitment to the occupation and to certification; he noted that PTCB's recent public perception survey shows consumers focus on safety for their families and expect technicians who help prepare their medications to have the right credentials.

While exhibiting at the National Community Pharmacists Association Annual Convention in New Orleans, PTCB invited pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to pick up "I Love Pharmacy Technicians" sticker badges, and use PTCB's new celebratory photo booth.

Badges, signs, and graphics were developed by PTCB and made available for download. Pharmacy teams across the US proudly wore or displayed them in pharmacies and online. Pharmacy organizations, including PTCB, also collaborated to compile a set of special technician discount offers during the month of October.

The fun continued with 176 photo submissions to PTCB from technicians across 33 states and 8 countries using the hashtag #RxTechDay . The hashtag really took off! Over 200 photos were tagged with #RxTechDay on Instagram and the hashtag was included in hundreds of tweets.



# PTEC Annual Conference: July 13 -15, 2017 Las Vegas, Nevada

The Board of Directors is working hard to plan another fun and informative conference! The meeting will be held at the Tropicana Las Vegas - A DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. More information about the conference can be found [here](#).

Advantages of conference attendance include the opportunity to:

- Build professional networks
- Collect resources for the classroom
- Learn about ASHP accreditation
- Gain insight from experienced educators
- Connect with publishers and vendors
- Earn ACPE-accredited continuing pharmacy education

Hotel reservations can be made at <https://aws.passkey.com/g/211853068> (copy and paste the link into your browser)

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## Accreditation Updates

### Refresher: Standard 3.3 Program Length and Composition

According to the current accreditation standard, the training schedule must consist of a minimum of 600 clock hours (i.e., 60 minutes) of health-related education and training, extending over a period of 15 weeks or longer. It's important to remember that the training must include three, distinct elements:

- Didactic (160 hours)
- Simulated (80 hours)
- Experiential (160 hours)

The [Guidance Document](#) provides numerous helpful examples of activities that meet the criteria for each of the three forms of training.

### Directory Updates

Please submit any changes in your program's administration (e.g., program director, contact information, other leadership changes) to [asd@ashp.org](mailto:asd@ashp.org) as soon as they occur. It is essential that the database of programs contain current information.

### Graduation Survey - Mandatory Reporting Requirement

Please check your email for the graduation survey from ASHP. Graduate reporting is a mandatory reporting requirement of the accreditation standard. We appreciate your help!

# Important Dates

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**ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting:** December 3-7, 2017 Orlando, Florida

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## Resources

### Accreditation

[ASHP Pharmacy Technician Practice and Policy](#)

[Accreditation Regulations, Standards, Guidance Document and Model Curriculum](#)

[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 \(ACPE\)](#)

[American Society of Health-system Pharmacists \(ASHP\)](#)

### Education and Workforce Development

[Pharmacy Technician Educators Council \(PTEC\)](#)

[Pharmacy Workforce Center \(PWC\)](#)

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