



# Nebraska Council for Continuing Pharmacy Education (NCCPE)

## **Does the Nebraska Board of Pharmacy require ACPE accredited continuing pharmacy education (CPE) for re-licensure?**

Not ALL State Boards of Pharmacy require education programs to be accredited by an approved ACPE continuing pharmacy education provider, however, Nebraska does. For more information, contact the Nebraska Board of Pharmacy at 402-471-2118.

Per Regulations Governing the Practice of Pharmacy, Title 172, Chapter 128, Section 128-004. Pharmacists are required to submit evidence of continuing education hours to the Nebraska Board of Pharmacy for re-licensure and must obtain such hours from an approved provider.

## **What is ACPE?**

ACPE is the American Council on Pharmacy Education. ACPE does *not* approve continuing pharmacy education programs. They accredit or endorse organizations (called providers) of continuing pharmacy education. The purposes of the Continuing Education Provider Accreditation Program are to:

- assure and advance the quality of continuing pharmacy education, thereby assisting in the advancement of the practice of pharmacy;
- provide pharmacists with a dependable basis for selecting accredited continuing education experiences;
- provide a basis for uniform acceptance of continuing education credits among the states;
- provide feedback to providers about their continuing education programs through periodic comprehensive reviews and ongoing monitoring activities with a need toward continuous improvement and strengthening.

If an organization is interested in becoming an ACPE approved provider of continuing pharmacy education, they should visit the ACPE web site at [www.acpe-accredit.org](http://www.acpe-accredit.org) NCCPE is an approved accredited ACPE provider.

## **Is NCCPE the only ACPE accredited provider of continuing pharmacy education credits in Nebraska?**

NCCPE is *not* the only ACPE accredited provider of continuing pharmacy education credits. There are other organizations who are ACPE accredited providers. Visit ACPE's web site at [www.acpe-accredit.org](http://www.acpe-accredit.org) for a complete list of ACPE approved providers of continuing pharmacy education. Policies, procedures, fees, deadlines, and forms vary among the providers. Or, an organization may apply to ACPE to become their own accredited provider of continuing pharmacy education.

## **Does the Nebraska Pharmacists Association (NPA) approve continuing pharmacy education credits for programs? Does the NPA set the policies and procedures associated with applying for continuing pharmacy education credits?**

NPA does *not* approve continuing pharmacy education programs, *nor* do they set policy and procedures for the approval of ACPE accredited continuing pharmacy education credits.

The NPA is one of three members of a consortium that makes up the Nebraska Council for Continuing Pharmacy Education (NCCPE) who is an ACPE approved accredited provider. The other two NCCPE consortium members are: Creighton University School of Pharmacy & Health Professions (CU) and the University of Nebraska College of Pharmacy (UNMC). Each member of the consortium has three members on the NCCPE Board of Counselors.

NCCPE must adhere to the criteria and reporting requirements of ACPE, and therefore, creates the policies and procedures for obtaining continuing education credits for pharmacists attending educational programs, not the NPA. The NPA does not set the steps necessary to obtain approval of continuing pharmacy education credits. The NPA is responsible for the administrative functions of NCCPE including financial transactions, non-profit reporting to the IRS and filing of taxes, and adhering to ACPE's *Accreditation Standards for Continuing Pharmacy Education*.

## **How does an organization obtain approval of continuing pharmacy education credits for pharmacists and/or pharmacy technicians attending one of their educational programs?**

1. Choose an ACPE accredited provider of continuing pharmacy education. A list of ACPE providers can be found at [www.acpe-accredit.org](http://www.acpe-accredit.org). Each ACPE provider will have their own policies and procedures for obtaining continuing pharmaceutical education credits. Fees, deadlines, and forms vary among the providers.
2. If NCCPE is the chosen provider, contact NCCPE Secretary/Treasurer, Diane Webb, at 402-420-1500 or by email at [diane@npharm.org](mailto:diane@npharm.org) for a packet of NCCPE forms. NCCPE may agree to closely work with an organization to design, develop, and implement quality continuing pharmacy education programs in full accord with the *Accreditation Standards for Continuing Pharmacy Education* as set forth by ACPE. NCCPE will enter into a working agreement with the organization. This working relationship (called co-sponsorship) is not intended as a program approval process or function, but rather as a full and complete relationship where NCCPE manages all aspects of the program to assure that the program benefits fully from NCCPE's quality control procedures and administrative expertise.
3. 90 days PRIOR to the program date, return the completed NCCPE forms, along with a \$500.00 non-refundable NCCPE review fee, to NCCPE, 6221 S 58th St, Ste A, Lincoln, NE 68516. Checks should be made payable to NCCPE. NCCPE forms include information about the design, develop and quality assurance of the program:
  - a. Letter of Agreement between NCCPE and the organization requesting CPE that outlines the working agreement between NCCPE and the organization.
  - b. NCCPE review packet for the program budget, needs assessment, learning assessment, faculty selection, and program evaluation forms, etc.
  - c. Letter of Agreement between the organization and those providing financial support for the program.
  - d. Disclosure forms for speakers and program planning committees.
  - e. Requirements for program promotional materials.
4. The NCCPE Council will review the program. If the program meets ACPE's *Accreditation Standards for Continuing Pharmacy Education* and NCCPE's *Policies & Procedures*, then an ACPE provider number will be assigned. There is a \$12.00 per participant fee for the issuance of an ACPE/NCCPE CPE credit. Approved and final CPE Credits are sent to the *NABP CPE Monitor* program.

## **Any NCCPE CPE program shall show ACPE evidence of compliance with the *Accreditation Standards for Continuing Pharmacy Education*. Failure to comply with these criteria will result in the loss of ACPE accreditation:**

- Content of Continuing Pharmacy Education Activities
  - Goal and Mission of the CPE Program
  - Educational Needs Assessment
  - Continuing Pharmacy Education Activities
  - CPE Activity Objectives Standard
  - Standards for Commercial Support
- Delivery of CPE Activities
  - Faculty
  - Teaching and Learning Methods
  - Educational Materials
- Assessment
  - Assessment of Learning
  - Assessment Feedback
- Evaluation
  - Evaluation of CPE Activities
  - Achievement and Impact of CPE Mission and Goals