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CCCEP Accreditation Update

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Learning Objectives

At the end of the session participants should be able to:

1. Explain the rationale for the CCCEP Guidelines and Criteria for accreditation
2. State the benefits and importance of obtaining CCCEP accreditation for Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) programs
3. Submit program applications which meet the CCCEP accreditation criteria
4. Raise your questions or concerns related to CCCEP accreditation policies and procedures

Abstract

This session will begin with a brief overview on the structure and organization of CCCEP, and the purpose of program accreditation, including the value to pharmacists, providers and sponsors. In part, accreditation enhances the quality and credibility of a program, provides quality control in the assignment of CEU value, and assists to reduce or eliminate real and perceived bias.

Complete and accurate preparation of the application for accreditation and accompanying documentation facilitates timely evaluation. Key components in the preparation of an accreditation application are the learning objectives, author and expert reviewer expertise, expert reviewer comments and author response, and the post test questions for an Independent Study program. The submission and evaluation process will be highlighted.

Revisions to the Criteria as recently approved by Council will be outlined. The effective date is pending incorporation of the revisions into the Criteria document.

The focus will then turn to your questions and comments. We look forward to the opportunity to receive your feedback and to assist you to better understand the accreditation process.

References

Guidelines and Criteria for CCCEP Accreditation

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