



Getting Started and Applying for Accreditation - Finding the Pathway and Taking the Right Steps

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Objectives

- ❖ Describe the value a residency program brings to your department
- ❖ Discuss challenges associated with establishing a residency program
- ❖ Identify steps for creating a program
- ❖ List the tools & resources to get started



Adding Value to Your Department

- ❖ Staffing / Service
- ❖ Depth of patient care
- ❖ Expansion of services
 - New areas
 - Extended hours
- ❖ Recruitment



Adding Value to Your Department

- ❖ Research & projects
- ❖ Tasks
- ❖ Clinical challenge
- ❖ Staff engagement / satisfaction
- ❖ Precepting of students



Important Considerations

- ❖ Depth and scope of clinical services
- ❖ Preceptor readiness
 - Qualifications
 - Confidence
 - Attitude
- ❖ Time commitment
- ❖ Funding



Justification and Cost Analysis

- ❖ Financial justification (only applies in certain circumstances)
 - CMS pass-through reimbursement based % of pharmacy revenue from Medicare
 - Resident staffing to offset of pharmacist FTE
- ❖ New direct costs
 - Stipend, travel, registration, etc. for residents
- ❖ Existing direct costs
 - Program director time and administrative time
 - Preceptor teaching and administrative time



Getting Started

- ❖ Build support
 - Preceptor & staff
 - Leadership
 - Health care team members
- ❖ Identify program purpose
- ❖ Determine number of residents
- ❖ Define basis structure



Consider Collaboration

- ❖ Existing residency program
 - Expand rotation options
 - Shared learning activities
- ❖ Additional site
 - Expand rotation options
 - Shared responsibilities
- ❖ College of pharmacy
 - Teaching opportunities



Preparing Your Preceptors

- ❖ Review qualifications
 - Complete Academic and Professional Record forms early
 - Identify & work to close gaps
- ❖ OK to start small
- ❖ Define expectations
- ❖ Discuss precepting & teaching strategies
- ❖ Identify and address concerns



Strategies for Maximizing Value

- ❖ Design staffing to benefit resident & department
 - Amount
 - Shifts
 - Extra or incorporated
- ❖ Integrate resident into care model
 - Designated responsibilities
 - Assigned patients
- ❖ Define responsibilities related to students



Strategies for Maximizing Value

- ❖ Identify & assign tasks for mutual benefit
 - Formulary reviews
 - Meeting minutes
 - Error review / analysis
 - Core measures / Value-based purchasing
- ❖ Select high priority resident projects
 - Development of new services
 - Safety / quality improvement
 - Cost savings initiatives



Resources

❖ Colleagues

- Programs in the area
- Training sites of your preceptors
- Colleges of pharmacy

❖ Attendance at conferences / sessions

- National Pharmacy Preceptors Conference
- ASHP Midyear, Annual & Leadership meetings
- State & regional residency conference meetings



Resources

❖ ASHP Website

- Standards & Regulations
- Competency Areas, Goals & Objectives
- Self-assessment checklist
- RU Ready? Assessment tool
- Information on CMS funding
- Preceptor development modules

❖ Residency Program Design and Conduct (RPDC) training

❖ PharmAcademic®



If perceived value: How to begin?

- Initial assessment
- Costs of the program
- Benefits of the program
- Support for program
- Required Elements
- Program Design
- Individuals' Roles

Part I

Part II

Justification

Design



Part III – Applying for Accreditation

❖ Two Pathways

- Via Application for Pre-Candidate Status (followed by an Application for Accreditation when first resident starts)
- Via Application for Accreditation (Candidate Status)



Application for Pre-Candidate Status

- ❖ Eligibility requirement – no resident in training
- ❖ Action required – read and complete the two-page application form
- ❖ RPD completes an Academic and Professional Record and CV
- ❖ E Mail to ASHP Accreditation Services Office asd@ashp.org



Advantages of Pre-Candidate Status

- ❖ Participation in the Resident Matching Program (mandatory)
- ❖ Program's listing in the ASHP Residency Directory
- ❖ Access to PhORCAS®/WebAdMIT®– Pharmacy On-line Residency Centralized Application Service
- ❖ Access to PharmAcademic® to assist in designing the program before a resident begins
- ❖ Better perception of program by applicants



Fees Associated with Pre-Candidate Status

❖ ASHP will send invoices for:

- Application Fee
- Annual accreditation fee (prorated based on fraction of calendar year remaining)
- Calendar dependent, may also receive the next annual invoice for the upcoming year



Disadvantages of Pre-Candidate Status

- ❖ Participation in the Resident Matching Program (mandatory)
- ❖ Fees charged before a resident begins (but then no fees for the application for accreditation)



Application for Accreditation (Candidate Status)

- ❖ Eligibility requirement – must have a resident in training
- ❖ Actions required:
 - Read and complete the two-page application form
 - Submit a completed Academic and Professional Record form and CV – for the residency program director only
- ❖ E-Mail to ASHP Accreditation Services Office
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Advantages of Waiting to Apply for Accreditation (Candidate Status)

- ❖ May recruit first resident without using the Resident Matching Program and PhORCAS®/WebAdMIT®
- ❖ No fees until after first resident starts



Disadvantages of Waiting to Apply for Candidate Status

- ❖ No access to Resident Matching Program and PhORCAS®/WebAdMIT® to recruit first resident
- ❖ No access to PharmAcademic® before application (i.e., before first resident begins)
- ❖ No listing in the on-line ASHP Residency Directory until after application is processed



Important Points to Remember

- ❖ An application for pre-candidate status must be followed by an application for accreditation as soon as the first resident starts.
- ❖ Pre-candidate status does not accelerate the timing of the on-site accreditation survey (usually 12 to 18 months after an application is received at ASHP).
- ❖ Program accreditation, once achieved, is retroactive to the date ASHP received an application for accreditation (candidate status).



Discussion

QUESTIONS??



Thank You – Your Pathfinders....

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