

Editorial

Dear Readers,

Recently I had an opportunity to attend ACPE “International Certification Program” whose main motto is to enhance the quality of pharmacy education.

Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) was founded in 1932 for the accreditation of professional degree programs by National Association of boards of Pharmacy, American Association of College of Pharmacy and American Pharmacists Association, originally known as American council on pharmaceutical education.

There is a major change in pharmacy education across the world. Education provided should be need based and socially accountable. Starting with the foundation of knowledge and later built on skills and attitude, ultimately practice based education is the end point. For every course there needs to be a science aspect, practice aspect and ethical aspect.

Standards of Pharm.D course should be developed according to the country’s need. “Certification” is the status of public recognition that ACPE grants to a professional degree program in pharmacy in a country other than the United States that meets all ACPE’s requirements for such recognition.

Certification provides professional external peer judgement of the quality of the professional degree program and it concerns itself with both quality assurance and quality improvement. However, Certification is a voluntary process in India.

Although the certification process is expensive, it has its own value and it can be considered by the Indian colleges of Pharmacy for Quality improvement of their courses.

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