

## **APPENDIX II**

Preaccreditation (precandidate and candidate status)

cf. ACPE Accreditation Manual January 2023

Section 6.1 Preaccreditation    Section 6.1.1 Precandidate  
  Section 6.1.2 Candidate  
  Section 7.2 Reference to Accreditation

(Germane sections attached)

## **6. Types of Accreditation Status and Notification of Accrediting Decisions**

**6.1 Preaccreditation:** A newly instituted Doctor of Pharmacy program must be granted each of the two Preaccreditation statuses at the appropriate stage of its development. The standards are the same as those employed for accredited status; however, Preaccreditation involves planning in accord with the standards and provision of reasonable assurances for a quality outcome. A new program must achieve Precandidate Status prior to beginning instruction of students.

**6.1.1 Precandidate:** A newly instituted program that has no students enrolled but that meets the eligibility criteria (see “Eligibility for ACPE Accreditation or Preaccreditation”) for accreditation may be granted Precandidate Status. The granting of Precandidate Status indicates that a program’s planning for the Doctor of Pharmacy program has taken into account the standards and guidelines and suggests reasonable assurances of moving to the next step, that of Candidate Status. Granting of Precandidate Status brings no rights or privileges of Accredited Status. Public disclosure by the program of the terms and conditions of Precandidate status is required (see paragraph 7, “Reference to Accreditation”).

**6.1.2 Candidate:** Once students have enrolled in a new program that is currently recognized by ACPE with Precandidate Status, such program may be granted Candidate Status by ACPE. The granting of Candidate Status denotes a developmental program that is expected to mature in accordance with stated plans by the time the first class has graduated. Granting of Candidate Status brings rights and privileges of Accredited status. Public disclosure by the program of the terms and conditions of Candidate Status is required (see paragraph 7, “Reference to Accreditation”).

**7.2 Authorization of on-site evaluation for consideration of Precandidate Status:** Authorization of an on-site evaluation for consideration of Precandidate Status does not carry with it nor imply an accreditation status. The on-site evaluation is authorized solely for purposes of gathering additional information to assist the Board in evaluating and assessing the applicant program’s compliance with the standards. Once an on-site evaluation has been authorized by the Board, reference to that effect may be made by the program. Any such reference must state only the following: “Name of Institution’s Doctor of Pharmacy program has been authorized by the Board of Directors for an on-site evaluation to be scheduled during spring/fall YEAR for consideration of Precandidate Status. Authorization of an on-site evaluation for consideration of

Precandidate Status does not carry with it nor imply an accreditation status. The on-site evaluation is authorized solely for purposes of gathering additional information in furtherance of an accreditation decision. Following the on-site evaluation, the Board will consider Precandidate Status at the next regularly scheduled meeting, which occur in January and June of each year unless extenuating circumstances exist. For an explanation of the ACPE accreditation process, consult the Office of the Dean or the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, 190 South LaSalle Street, Suite 3000, Chicago, IL 60603, 312-644-3575; FAX 866-228-2631; website [www.acpe-accredit.org](http://www.acpe-accredit.org).”