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## NEW BUSINESS

(To be submitted and introduced by Delegates only)

Introduced by: Michael Carulli, on behalf of the 2017-18 Policy Review Committee  
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11/15/17  
(Date)

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APhA Policy Review Committee  
(Organization)

**Subject: Pharmacy Schools' Curriculum and Contemporary Pharmacy Practice**

**Motion:** I move, on behalf of the Policy Review Committee, that the following item be ADOPTED to replace existing APhA Policy.

### 2005, 1990 Pharmacy Schools' Curriculum and Contemporary Pharmacy Needs

- I. APhA supports continuous quality improvement processes at the national and school/college level to identify differences between contemporary pharmacy practice and curriculum offerings, and to provide information and resources to encourage maintenance of up-to-date curricula.

#### Background:

The needs of contemporary pharmacy practice are rapidly changing. While the committee acknowledges the good work of ACPE in its most recent standards revisions, the committee feels that the originators of this policy intended for there to be more regular, systematic and timely revision to school and college curricula than perhaps Standards might dictate. Thus, the suggested wording revision calls for schools and colleges to

implement CQI processes which regularly assess the needs of contemporary pharmacy practice and make revisions as necessary. Additionally, the committee felt this policy should support APhA providing information and resources to the individual schools to assist them in making changes and updates to their curricula based on the ever-growing practice of pharmacy. These resources can be in the form of information about current practice models, research on said practices and/or of other schools' implementation and success of updated curricula, and ideas and ways to implement curriculum changes for the benefit of our student pharmacists and future practitioners. We believe this is consistent with the original intent of the 1990 policy (reaffirmed in 2005), and will provide clarity to the policy.

The text below shows the recommended changes and how they affect the existing policy language. New policy language is shown as underlined text and deleted language is shown ~~struck through~~.

## **2005, 1990 Pharmacy Schools' Curriculum and Contemporary Pharmacy Needs**

- I. APhA supports continuous quality improvement processes at the national and school/college level to identify ~~will work with schools and colleges of pharmacy and pharmacy organizations to address~~ differences between contemporary pharmacy practice and curriculum offerings, and to provide information and resources to encourage maintenance of up-to-date curricula.

Statement 2 of this existing policy topic will continue to be retained as it has already been approved by the APhA House of Delegates and is still relevant. For completeness sake, the second statement within this policy item states: "APhA encourages pharmacists to cooperate with schools and colleges of pharmacy by participating as preceptors and permitting their practices to be used as experiential sites."

### **Current APhA Policy & Bylaws:**

N/A

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