ABHES BULLETIN

To: ABHES – Accredited Institutions and Members

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Subject: Pharmacy Technology Faculty Standards (Chapter VIII)--UPDATE

On November 15, 2016, the Commission of the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES or the Commission) approved the following amendment to the pharmacy technician standards, effective January 2017. The amended change (red underline below) was inadvertently not included in the publication of the new Accreditation Manual.

This modification to PHT.B.1. regarding the qualifications of the program supervisor will allow faculty who do not currently hold the requisite associate degree to complete the degree while still working at the institution. As a reminder, the Pharmacy Technician standards have been revised to align with ASHP standards in order for our member schools to receive accreditation, if needed.

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SECTION B – Program Supervision, Faculty and Consultation

Subsection 1 – Supervision

PHT.B.1. The program supervisor possesses supervisory experience and is credentialed in the field.

State boards of pharmacy may dictate qualifications for program supervision and the courses that they are allowed to teach.

The supervisor is either a licensed pharmacist or is a certified pharmacy technician by a nationally recognized and accredited credentialing agency and in good standing with the respective state board. A program supervisor must minimally possess an associate degree or be pursuing with a written plan of completion by January 1, 2020.