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The COF/COD Task Force on Emerging Issues in Pharmacy Education conducted an environmental scan and identified emerging issues from the perspective of faculty members and deans with the greatest potential impact on schools and colleges of pharmacy over the next 5-10 years. A total of 67 deans and 310 faculty members responded to the surveys.

Three issues that deans and faculty members agreed were most likely to impact their school or college over the next five years were faculty salaries, availability of experiential sites, and the impact of the accreditation standards. The potential impact of new programs and the faculty shortage were also identified as issues likely to have a major impact. As for emerging issues, the deans identified public and private research funding, the importance of development, assessment activities, and faculty development as likely to impact their colleges or schools. Faculty members ranked assessment activities, the gap between education and practice, and credentials for pharmacy practice faculty as highly important issues.

From the open responses on the survey, other issues that were suggested to be significant emerging issues were dwindling student financial aid, interprofessional education and practice, and the lack of competitive clinical scientists and faculty prepared to do NIH level translational research. The COF/COD task force on Emerging Issues in Pharmacy Education encourages AACP to support a forum in which colleges can collaborate on inventing mutually beneficial strategic directions to deal with these issues.