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Pharmacy Schools Pledge to Educate Future Practitioners on Preventing and Treating Prescription Drug Abuse
Pharmacy and nursing programs recognized by the White House for efforts to combat growing epidemic.

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy today announced that 54 colleges and schools of pharmacy have committed to joining the fight against prescription drug abuse by educating and training student pharmacists about life-saving overdose interventions, including how to counsel patients and their loved ones on appropriate use of these life-saving medications.

In a [White House Fact Sheet](#) issued today, AACP joins the American Association of Colleges of Nursing in its support of the Obama Administration's proposed \$1.1 billion to combat the growing opioid and heroin abuse epidemic in this country. President Obama has been working to expand the use of tools effective in reducing drug use and overdose, including evidence-based prevention programs, prescriber education, prescription drug monitoring, safe drug disposal, medication-assisted treatment, and the overdose reversal drug naloxone.

Faculty at our nation's pharmacy schools are excellent partners for communities seeking ways to reduce the impact of opioid and heroin abuse, including the training of practicing pharmacists in those communities to prevent overdose and collaborating with prescribers to reduce over medication and appropriate use. Collaboratively, we can reduce this critical public health threat and AACP is enthusiastic about other health professions stepping up and joining this fight.

Below are the 54 colleges and schools of pharmacy that agreed to the following statement of educational commitment:

Beginning or by fall 2016, 54 U.S. colleges and schools of pharmacy will educate each student pharmacist about life-saving overdose interventions, including naloxone, and how to counsel patients, individuals, families and other loved ones, who may encounter those persons at risk from overdose from opioid use, on appropriate use of these lifesaving medications.

- Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy
- Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Cedarville University School of Pharmacy
- Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
- Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy
- Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Pharmacy
- Hampton University School of Pharmacy
- Howard University College of Pharmacy
- Husson University School of Pharmacy
- Keck Graduate Institute School of Pharmacy
- Lipscomb University College of Pharmacy
- Manchester University College of Pharmacy
- Marshall University School of Pharmacy

- MCPHS University Boston School of Pharmacy
- Mercer University College of Pharmacy
- North Dakota State University School of Pharmacy
- Northeast Ohio Medical University College of Pharmacy
- Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy
- Pacific University Oregon School of Pharmacy
- Purdue University College of Pharmacy
- Regis University School of Pharmacy
- Roosevelt University College of Pharmacy
- Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy
- South College School of Pharmacy, Tennessee
- South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy
- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy
- Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy
- St John's University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Sullivan University College of Pharmacy
- Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson College of Pharmacy
- Touro University California College of Pharmacy
- University of Arizona College of Pharmacy
- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy
- University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy
- University of California, San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- University of Charleston School of Pharmacy
- University of Cincinnati James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy
- University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy
- University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy
- University of Louisiana, Monroe School of Pharmacy
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore School of Pharmacy
- University of Michigan College of Pharmacy
- University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy
- University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy
- University of Missouri- Kansas City School of Pharmacy
- University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy
- University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy
- University of Southern California School of Pharmacy
- University of Washington School of Pharmacy
- University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy
- Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy
- Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Western University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy

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