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Ninety-four Pharmacy Schools Publicly Commit to Educating Students on Prevention and Treatment of Prescription Drug Abuse

Academic pharmacy recognized by the Office of National Drug Control Policy for efforts to combat growing epidemic.

The [American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy](#) (AACCP) today announced that 40 additional schools have publicly joined the commitment to fight prescription drug abuse, bringing the total number of pharmacy schools who've made the pledge to nearly 100.

At a [community forum held today at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences](#), Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Director Michael Botticelli will stress the important role pharmacy faculty play in reducing this critical public health threat 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.

"Expanding access to the overdose-reversal drug naloxone is a critical part of our strategy to stop the prescription drug and heroin overdose epidemic," said ONDCP Director Botticelli. "Thanks to efforts like the one announced by pharmacy schools today, we can make sure that more Americans get access to this lifesaving drug."

AACP supports 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.

"AACCP member institutions educate all their student pharmacists to counsel patients about important public health issues including opioid abuse and heroin use," said AACCP Executive Vice President and CEO Lucinda L. Maine, Ph.D., R.Ph. "By restating their commitment, 94 colleges and schools of pharmacy publicly join President Obama and ONDCP Director Botticelli in fighting the increasing public health threat of opioid abuse and heroin use."

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. AACCP is enthusiastic about other health professions stepping up and joining this fight.

Below are the 94 colleges and schools of pharmacy that join the President's opioid abuse and heroin use initiative by agreeing to the following statement of educational commitment:

Beginning or by fall 2016, 94 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.

- University of Arizona College of Pharmacy

- Northeast Ohio Medical University College of Pharmacy
- Marshall University School of Pharmacy
- Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy
- School of Pharmacy Boston, MCPHS University
- South College School of Pharmacy, Tennessee
- University of Washington School of Pharmacy
- Howard University College of Pharmacy
- University of Nebraska Medical Center School of Pharmacy
- Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Pharmacy
- Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy
- Cedarville University School of Pharmacy
- University of Southern California School of Pharmacy
- University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy
- Sullivan University College of Pharmacy
- Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- University of Louisiana, Monroe School of Pharmacy
- University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy
- Husson University School of Pharmacy
- University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy
- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore School of Pharmacy
- Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Mercer University College of Pharmacy
- Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy
- Purdue University College of Pharmacy
- University of Missouri- Kansas City School of Pharmacy
- University of California, San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson College of Pharmacy
- Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
- University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy
- Keck Graduate Institute School of Pharmacy
- University of Charleston School of Pharmacy
- University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy
- St John's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Regis University School of Pharmacy
- Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy
- University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy
- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- Hampton University School of Pharmacy
- North Dakota State University School of Pharmacy
- Roosevelt University College of Pharmacy
- Duquesne University School of Pharmacy
- Touro University California College of Pharmacy

- Pacific University Oregon School of Pharmacy
- Lipscomb University College of Pharmacy
- University of Michigan College of Pharmacy
- Manchester University College of Pharmacy
- South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy
- Western University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy
- Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- University of California San Francisco School of Pharmacy
- University of Cincinnati James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy
- Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy
- University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy
- University of Findlay College of Pharmacy
- Northeastern University Bouve College of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy
- University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy
- University of Houston College of Pharmacy
- University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy
- Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy
- Texas A&M University Health Science Center Irma Lerma Rangel School of Pharmacy
- University of the Incarnate Word Feik School of Pharmacy
- University of North Texas System College of Pharmacy
- The University of Texas at Tyler College of Pharmacy
- West Virginia University School of Pharmacy
- University of Saint Joseph School of Pharmacy
- University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Pharmacy
- Oregon State University/Oregon Health Sciences University College of Pharmacy
- East Tennessee State University Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy
- Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy
- Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Notre Dame of Maryland University School of Pharmacy
- University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy
- University of Puerto Rico School of Pharmacy
- Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine School of Pharmacy
- University of New England College of Pharmacy
- University of Utah College of Pharmacy
- University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Washington State University College of Pharmacy
- California Northstate University College of Pharmacy
- Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science College of Pharmacy
- University of Kansas School of Pharmacy

- Harding University College of Pharmacy
- Chapman University School of Pharmacy
- Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy
- St Louis College of Pharmacy
- University of Florida College of Pharmacy
- Ohio Northern University Raabe College of Pharmacy
- Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy
- Ferris State University College of Pharmacy
- Touro College of Pharmacy- New York
- University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

About AACP

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