



**Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
The Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (PSI)  
and  
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)  
through its International Services Program**

**Parties:**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made between the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) and the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (PSI). ACPE's Director, International Services, and the Head of Professional Development & Learning of the PSI shall have responsibility for monitoring and implementation of this MOU.

**Whereas:**

- The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), established in 1932, is the sole recognized national agency in the United States of America for accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education;
- The Mission of ACPE is to assure and advance excellence in education for the profession of pharmacy and the Mission of ACPE's International Services Program is to promote, assure and advance the quality of pharmacy education internationally to improve patient care through safe and effective medication use;
- The Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (PSI) as established under the Pharmacy Act 2007 is charged with regulating the practice and profession of pharmacy in Ireland in the public interest to lead, regulate and develop the profession of pharmacy and to ensure compliance with the Pharmacy Act 2007.
- The Mission of the PSI, as the pharmacy regulator, is to act to protect and promote the health, safety and well-being of patients and the public.
- The principal functions of the PSI under the Pharmacy Act 2007 are as follows:
  - Registration: to maintain the Register of Pharmacists, Druggists, Pharmaceutical Assistants and Retail Pharmacy Businesses in Ireland and to act as a registration authority for pharmacists wishing to practise in Ireland.
  - Education: to accredit pharmacy degree programmes and other courses of training offered in the State and furthermore to act to promote and ensure a high standard of education for pharmacy students and to ensure that registered pharmacists undertake appropriate continuing professional development (CPD).
  - Inspection & Enforcement: to inspect pharmacy practices, enforce pharmacy legislation and various statutory provisions in respect of the practice of pharmacy and the sale and supply of medicines in Ireland.
  - Fitness to Practise: to conduct inquiries to determine "fitness to practise/operate" as a pharmacist and/or retail pharmacy business. Furthermore, to process complaints relating to pharmacy practice and operation.
- The PSI and ACPE have a desire and commitment to advance the quality of pharmacy education internationally and to work with other organizations with a common vision for pharmacy education; and
- The PSI and ACPE desire to collaborate and work synergistically to advance the quality of pharmacy education internationally.

**The PSI and ACPE hereby agree to:**

- Cooperate and collaborate to advance the quality of pharmacy education (both prior to and post qualification) internationally in accordance with their respective missions, visions and goals;
- Regularly communicate, share and exchange information regarding quality assurance standards/criteria, systems, policies, procedures, guidelines, manuals, tools, and publications;
- Invite each other periodically to observe or participate in their respective accreditation/evaluation site visits and other appropriate activities;
- Adhere to the same standards of confidentiality in respect of any observations and/or participation in site visits and/or any other related activities;
- Designate, from time to time, what information provided by the other party is confidential and which information shall be held in strictest confidence by the other party;
- Study their respective quality assurance systems, policies and procedures, and the pharmacy education and training in their respective areas of operation;
- Explore opportunities for collaboration in international activities; and
- Cooperate in any other manner as mutually agreed.

**The PSI and ACPE further agree that the MOU will:**

- entail no financial commitment on the part of either organization; and
- not be exclusive; it will allow existing relationships to continue and future relationships to be entered into without the approval of the other party.

**Commencement and Termination**

This MOU shall have an effective date of July 19, 2013, and is subject to the signature of both parties. It may be reviewed and amended, from time to time, as mutually agreed by the parties, but preferably not less frequently than every three years. The MOU shall continue until such time as it is terminated or superseded by a revised document. Any revision of the MOU must be in writing and agreed to in accordance with the appropriate requirements, policies and procedures of each party. The MOU can be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party. Any unfinished project as of the date of termination shall be concluded as agreed to by the parties.

**For ACPE:**

Peter H. Klasse  
Signed on behalf of the ACPE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
Position

September 3, 2013  
Date

**For The PSI:**

Lina McEwan  
Signed on behalf of the PSI

Registrar (Acting)  
Position

September 3rd, 2013  
Date

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