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USP and AACP partner to increase educational access to USP quality standards

USP quality standards for medicines and food ingredients available free to AACP member institutions

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Chicago, IL—Through a new partnership with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP), the U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP) is providing free student access to the quality standards in its compendia for medicines, dietary supplements and food ingredients.

The new program, USP Academic Connection, offers AACP institutional members complimentary access to USP publications, discounts on educational programming, and other benefits to support the education of students in the health sciences. The partnership was announced at AACP's 2019 Pharmacy Education annual meeting, held July 13-17 in Chicago.

USP publishes quality standards for medicines and dietary supplements in the *United States Pharmacopeia–National Formulary (USP-NF)* and quality standards for food ingredients in the *Foods Chemicals Codex (FCC)*. Access to the monographs in the *USP-NF* and the *FCC* can help guide pharmacy education and help health science students, including student pharmacists, better understand quality standards for medicines and supplements, compounded preparations, inactive ingredients, packaging and storage, and package inserts.

"We're delighted to make our quality standards available to health sciences faculty and students across academia through AACP member schools. Our nearly 200 years of accumulated knowledge represented through our public quality standards will enable this program to strengthen curriculums and better prepare students for their role as health science practitioners," said Ronald T. Piervincenzi, PhD, USP CEO.

The new partnership provides a valuable resource to students and faculty at AACP member institutions, according to Lucinda Maine, Ph.D., R.Ph., AACP executive vice president and CEO. "The USP Academic Connection, with free access to the online *USP-NF* and *FCC* standards, fits well within AACP's efforts to explore the role of pharmacy and pharmacy education in today's challenging healthcare landscape," said Maine.

In addition to access to these publications, USP is offering a special discount to AACP members for selected USP Education courses and programs. More information is available on these learning opportunities, visit [USP Academic Connection](#).

About USP

USP is an independent scientific organization that collaborates with the world's top experts in health and science to develop quality standards for medicines, dietary supplements, and food ingredients. Through our standards, advocacy and education, USP helps increase the availability of quality medicines, supplements and food for billions of people worldwide. For more information about USP, visit www.usp.org.

About AACP

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP), founded in 1900, is the national organization representing pharmacy education in the United States. Pharmacy is the third largest health profession – after nursing and medicine – with more than 200,000 clinicians practicing in community pharmacies, hospitals and many other healthcare settings. The mission of AACP is to lead and partner with our members in advancing pharmacy education, research, scholarship, practice and service to improve societal health.