IOWA PHARMACY TECHNICIAN EDUCATION

DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACCREDITED EDUCATION PROGRAM IN IOWA

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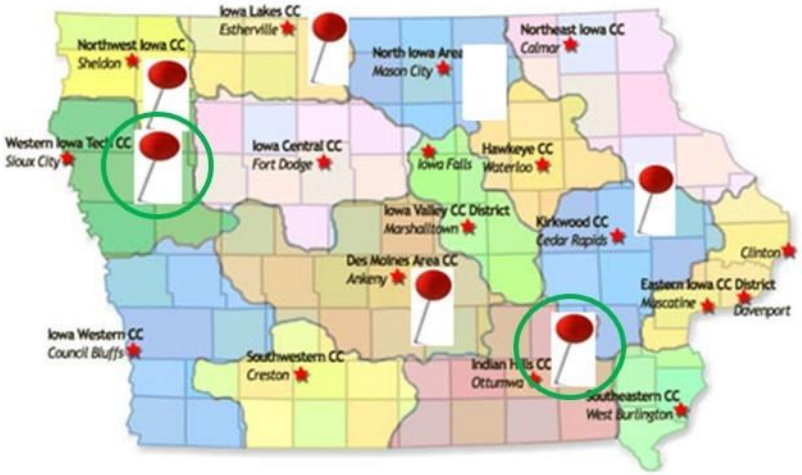
Proposing a Unified Pharmacy Technician Education Program for Iowa

Iowa Pharmacy Technician Education Summit (February, 2015)

- Raised awareness of the need for accredited pharmacy technician education programs in Iowa
- Introduced the providers of pharmacy technician education in Iowa to one another and agreed to continue discussions about an accreditation-ready curriculum
- Formed Task Force to continue planning efforts



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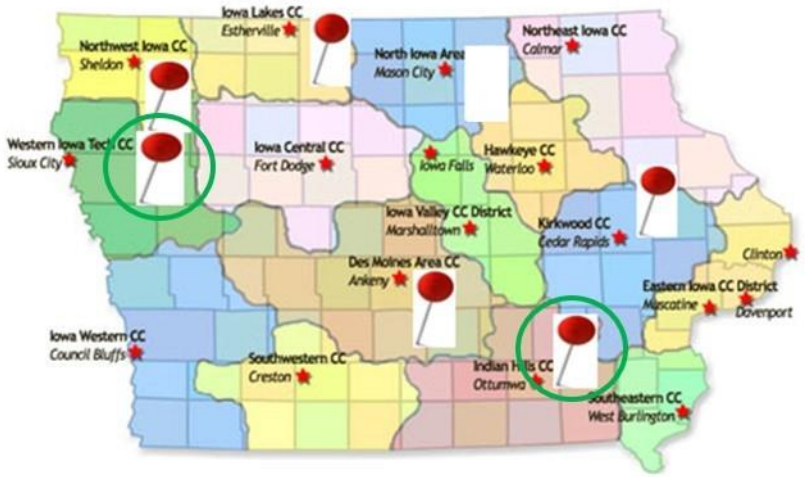
Iowa Pharmacy Technician Curriculum Task Force

- Identified similarities among current pharmacy technician education programs
- Identified curricular gaps needing content development prior to accreditation
- Developed working groups to address initial coordination activities
- Identified programs willing to participate in Initial Program Pilot Group
  - Indian Hills Community College
  - Western Iowa Tech Community College
- Met with Iowa Department of Education about State requirements for a unified program



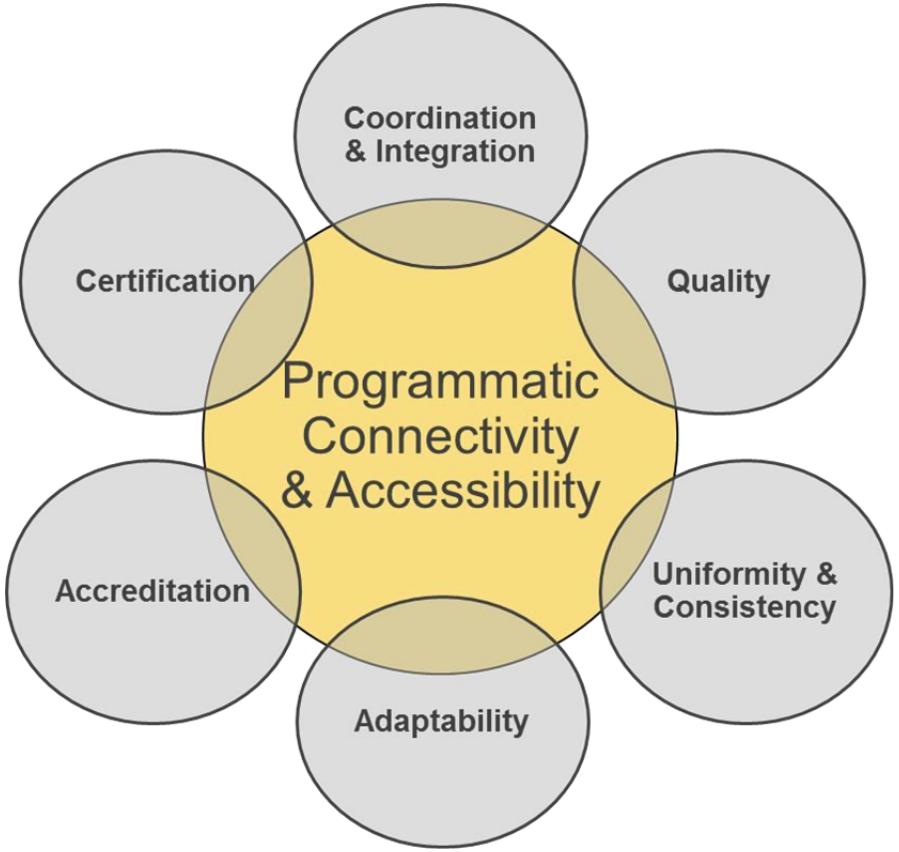
Overview ASHP/ACPE Accreditation Requirements for Educational Programs

- Minimum 600 clock hours of health-related education and training over 15+ weeks
  - Didactic = 160 hours ⇨ 6/6 Current Iowa Community College Programs > 160 hours*
  - Simulation = 80 hours ⇨ 0/6 Current Iowa Community College Programs Meet Requirement*
  - Experiential = 160 hours ⇨ 0/6 Current Iowa Community College Programs Meet Requirement*
  - Remaining 200 hours distributed among didactic, simulation, and experiential education as determined by the program director and faculty
- Single area pharmacy practice experience (new 2016)
- Simulation component must occur before experiential component and after didactic component in sequential instruction
- Student achievement should be assessed during all three components (observation, simulation, and experiential)

Source: ASHP/ACPE Accreditation Standards for Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Programs
http://www.ashp.org/menu/Technicians/Technician-Accreditation/Accreditation-Standards-for-Pharmacy-Technician-Education.aspx

*No data available for DMACC's 2016-17 program. Current program values exclude high school academies.

Building a Connected Statewide Program



Certification Eligibility Requirements

Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)

Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE)

- High school diploma or equivalent educational diploma (e.g., a GED or foreign diploma)
- Full disclosure of all criminal and State Board of Pharmacy registration or licensure actions
- Compliance with all applicable PTCB Certification policies
- *Complete an ASHP/ACPE-accredited pharmacy technician education program (effective 2020)*
- Passing score on the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE)

Sources: Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)
http://www.ptcb.org/get-certified/apply#.VxUKVk0UW73
ASHP/ACPE Accreditation Standards for Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Programs:
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Certification Eligibility Requirements

National Healthcareer Association (NHA)

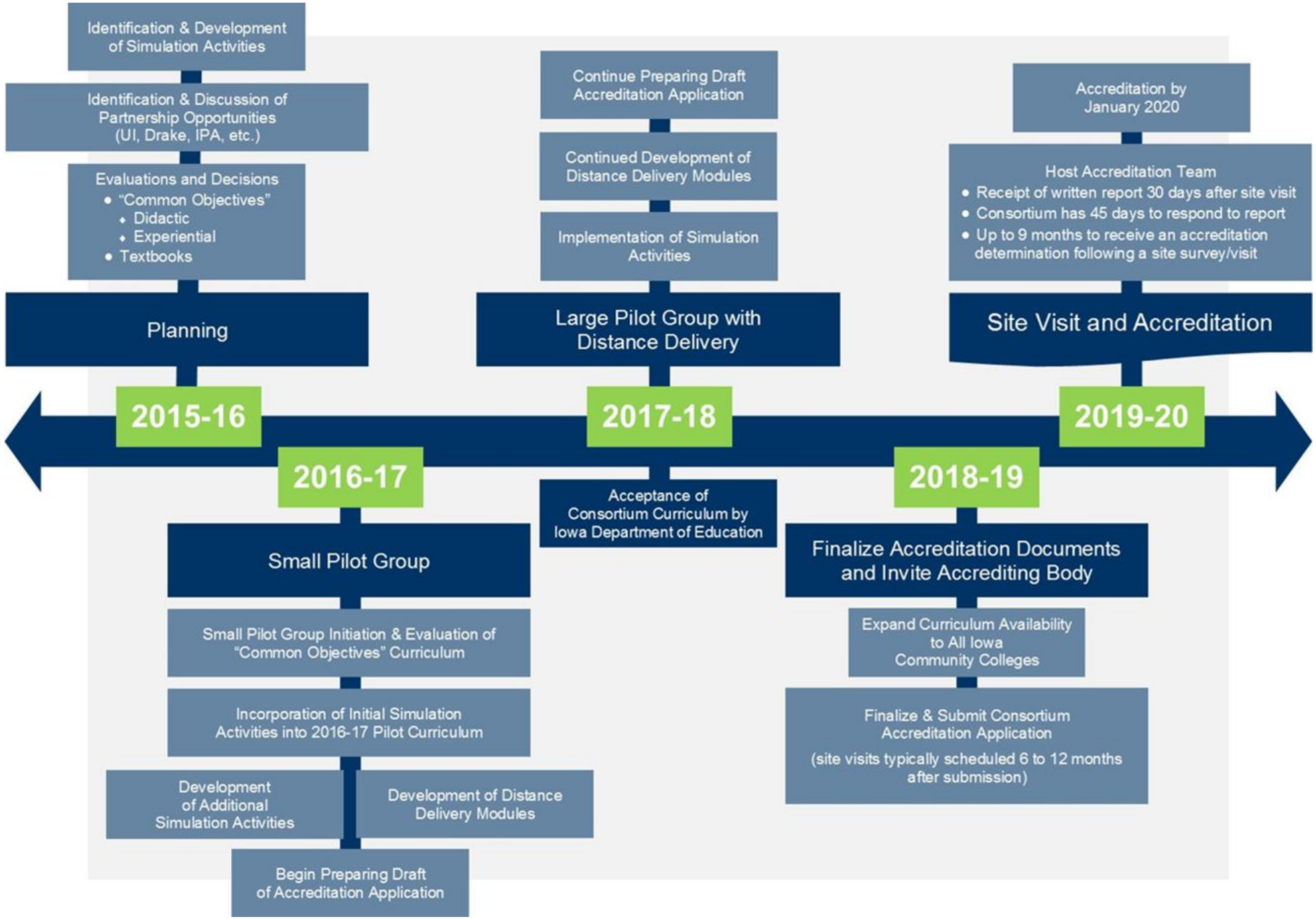
ExCPT Pharmacy Technician Exam

- High school diploma or equivalent

  (GED, state equivalency test, or other diploma and official transcript evaluated by American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers)
- Successfully complete a training program or have relevant work experience:
  - Training Program
    - Successfully complete a pharmacy technician training program offered by an accredited or state-recognized institution or provider; or
    - Successfully complete an employer-based training program recognized by the Board of Pharmacy of that state and training has been verified by the candidate's employer.
  - Work Experience - Candidates must have completed at least 1200 hours of supervised pharmacy related work experience within any one (1) year of the past three (3) years.
- Successfully pass the ExCPT Pharmacy Technician Exam

Source: National Healthcareer Association (NHA)
http://www.nhanow.com/help-center/faq/#faq-cat-1-q1

Timeline


Identification & Development of Simulation Activities
Identification & Discussion of Partnership Opportunities (UI, Drake, IPA, etc.)
Evaluations and Decisions
• "Common Objectives"
◆ Didactic
◆ Experiential
• Textbooks
Planning
2015-16
2016-17
Small Pilot Group
Small Pilot Group Initiation & Evaluation of "Common Objectives" Curriculum
Incorporation of Initial Simulation Activities into 2016-17 Pilot Curriculum
Development of Additional Simulation Activities
Development of Distance Delivery Modules
Begin Preparing Draft of Accreditation Application
Continue Preparing Draft Accreditation Application
Continued Development of Distance Delivery Modules
Implementation of Simulation Activities
Large Pilot Group with Distance Delivery
2017-18
Acceptance of Consortium Curriculum by Iowa Department of Education
2018-19
Finalize Accreditation Documents and Invite Accrediting Body
Expand Curriculum Availability to All Iowa Community Colleges
Finalize & Submit Consortium Accreditation Application
(site visits typically scheduled 6 to 12 months after submission)
Accreditation by January 2020
Host Accreditation Team
• Receipt of written report 30 days after site visit
• Consortium has 45 days to respond to report
• Up to 9 months to receive an accreditation determination following a site survey/visit
Site Visit and Accreditation
2019-20