



Joint Accreditation for the Provider of Continuing Education for the Healthcare Team

A Partnership between the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)

The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) have developed a proposal for **Joint Accreditation for the Provider of Continuing Education for the Healthcare Team**. Details of this proposal will be shared with a focus group of providers that currently hold ACCME, ANCC, and ACPE accreditation.

The goal of this joint accreditation is to support healthcare team-based education that improves patient care while streamlining the accreditation process. Education by the healthcare team for the healthcare team was specifically called for by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in its report on "Health Professions Education" published in 2003.

The three national accrediting bodies have been working together since 1998 on ways to align their requirements and systems. In 2007, the ACPE and ANCC formally adopted the ACCME Standards for Commercial SupportSM.

Features of the proposal for **Joint Accreditation**, which has not yet been approved by the governing bodies of the three accrediting bodies, include:

- Shared accreditation criteria that call for education based on the professional practice gaps of the healthcare team, appropriate to the scope and setting of the healthcare team, and evaluated in terms of the effectiveness in changing the skills/strategy, performance, or patient outcomes of the healthcare team;
- A process that reviews a self study report for accreditation, includes an interview of the provider by a three-member team; and review of performance-in-practice;
- The establishment of a Joint Accreditation Review Committee consisting of members appointed by each of the accrediting bodies (ACCME, ACPE, ANCC); and
- Shared responsibility for accreditation decision-making between the three accrediting bodies.

Questions about this proposal or other examples of collaboration between these three accreditors can be submitted to:

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