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## PCAB Launches Industry-First Certification in Hazardous Drug Designated Person with Accreditation University

**Cary, NC-** Accreditation Commission for Health Care's (ACHC) Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB) has introduced the industry's first certification in Hazardous Drug Designated Person (HDDP) with Accreditation University (AU). **This HDDP certification is designed to fulfill the requirements set by USP <800> for a Designated Person (DP) to properly know how to handle hazardous drugs.** This certification will ensure that all HDDPs are equipped with the education needed to take on this important role for their organization.

Individuals seeking to achieve certification as an HDDP must do so by completing a comprehensive, self-paced digital curriculum and passing a test. ACHC/PCAB's Hazardous Drug Designated Person Certification Program is a self-paced digital curriculum that will provide a facility's DP with the knowledge to bring an organization into full USP <800> compliance. The Certification in HDDP is the first of its kind for PCAB and AU, making this an exciting expansion opportunity and the chance to be known as a thought leader for hazardous drug handling and USP <800> compliance.

When asked about the newest offering from Accreditation University, Greg Stowell, Senior Manager of Education and Consulting, said, "As many healthcare entities are focused on the facilities requirements imposed by USP<800>, most have not realized that there are also personnel and operational requirements that can equally create organizational challenges. While many organizations have very dedicated and competent staff, few will have any formal training or the experience needed to handle these new responsibilities. PCAB's Hazardous Drug Handling Designated Person Certification program will not only provide a cost-effective, comprehensive self-study solution, it will also provide your organization's Designated Person with all the tools needed to ensure your ongoing USP<800>compliance."

Section 4 of USP <800> appropriately points out that the DP MUST have a full understanding of the risks posed by HDs and their improper handling, and be capable of reporting breaches to management. These responsibilities are so significant that the DP must be given sufficient authority, time, resources and training to carry them out. "This program is going to offer pharmacists and medical professionals a unique opportunity to expand their knowledge of hazardous drugs and the safest ways to handle those drugs. We are excited to offer this to the industry and look forward to helping create safer practices where hazardous drugs are involved," said Jon Pritchett, Associate Director of Pharmacy, about the new Designated Person program.

ACHC is a nonprofit accreditation organization that has stood as a symbol of quality and excellence since 1986. The organization has CMS deeming authority for Home Health, Hospice, and DMEPOS, and a Quality Management System that is certified to ISO 9001:2015. ACHC is the provider's choice for accreditation because of its personal Account Advisors, relevant and realistic standards, competitive pricing, and a friendly, consultative approach to accreditation. ACHC is also committed to helping its customers maintain continuous compliance through a comprehensive suite of educational resources. Accreditation by ACHC reflects an organization's dedication and commitment to meeting standards that facilitate a higher level of performance and patient care.

For more information on the ACHC /PCAB Certification as a Hazardous Drugs Handling Person, visit [accreditationuniversity.com/hdhdh](http://accreditationuniversity.com/hdhdh) or contact [customerservice@accreditationuniversity.com](mailto:customerservice@accreditationuniversity.com) or (855) 937-2242.

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