The Changing Landscape of Pharmacy Technician Training and Certification Requirements: Are You Ready?
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OVERVIEW
Every year, more states raise the bar for pharmacy technician training. In parallel, the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB), along with the American Society of Health-system Pharmacists (ASHP) and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) have been pushing for a standardized training curriculum for pharmacy technicians. In 2013, PTCB decided to make completion of an ASHP-ACPE accredited program a prerequisite to sitting for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam by the year 2020. Now, in 2017, PTCB has suspended that requirement while it works with stakeholders from across the profession to further develop supporting policy, and conduct further study of technician roles to align upon a uniform set of standards for pharmacy technician training.

With these shifts and changes in requirements, it is important that hospitals and related health systems understand both the current regulatory requirements along with the trends occurring throughout the profession as the role of the pharmacy technician continues to expand. This presentation provides an overview of how pharmacy technician training regulations have evolved over time throughout the country, where the current trends are headed and outlines the current ASHP-ACPE standard with suggested strategies for successful planning.

TARGET AUDIENCE
This webinar is geared towards pharmacy staff, including pharmacists and pharmacy techs.

OBJECTIVES
- Provide an overview of the regulatory landscape and trends throughout the U.S.
- Explain how these requirements might impact a hospital's ability to staff its pharmacy function appropriately.
- Describe the ASHP-ACPE standard and how an accredited program differs from common, non-accredited programs.
- Describe the five candidate criteria for students under the ASHP-ACPE standard.
- List the criteria necessary to employ distance learning to meet the requirements.

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