

**Pharmacy Technology CoP
March 2, 2021**

Attendees:

Wendy Deras, RDEE, Health, IE, Tripp Doepner, RCOE, K12 Coordinator, MSJC, James Hattar, CRY-ROP, Charles Henkles, LAUNCH, Patty Homo, LAUNCH, Kurt Spurgin, COD Sarah True, Yucca Valley ACE program, Veronica Izurieta, COD PaCE, Jennifer McDaniel, MVC, Jini Mayer, K12 COD, Jane Bark, COD, Job Developer, Juan Carlos Alvarez, RCOE

Active IE Programs

School	Length	Students	Starts per year	ASHP Accreditation
COD, PaCE	5-6 months	12-20 each class Adults	3-4	No
SBVC		Adults		Yes
RCOE		Adults		No
ACE, Yucca Valley	1 year	13 High School	1	Yes
Loma Linda Gateway		Adults		
ACC, Ontario		Adults		

Pipeline Programs

COD, for credit, approved curriculum, not started yet
MVC, investigative stage

(Chaffey and CRY-ROP no longer running)

Resources:

https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/rph_app_pkt.pdf

<https://www.ashp.org/Professional-Development/Technician-Program-Accreditation?loginreturnUrl=SSOCheckOnly>

Notes:

Pharm Tech Pathways: Retail or hospital or both
State licensure required: 240 hours of any training on the job or apprenticeship or accredited or non-accredited program. 3 changes to pass exam. \$129 plus background, fingerprints, HS grad, drug test and \$195 OR have National Certification.

National Certification: See link above. Retail not requiring, hospitals requiring. Hospitals pay more. If they get this first, they can get a license. Schools that are accredited can register and get information on graduates.

There are some Pharmacy Clerk and Pharmacy Aid programs at high schools, more information needed

LMI shows that there is a need, but the wages report low. #1: Wendy to ask for updated LMI from COE. #2: Wendy to send template to members to get accurate data from employers on wages

CSULB and CSULA have Pharm Tech programs in which credit counts towards their pharmacy degree.

Labs: For ASHP accreditation, must have a lab with certain equipment, see ASHP website for more information on equipment and process.

Group interested in exploring vendors especially software programs that work with Pharm Tech schools (computer programs, scanning drugs, etc.) Wendy will set up a vendor for the next meeting.

LAUNCH: Discussed Kaiser Trust Fund interest in an apprenticeship program with Pharm Tech in S. CA (Riverside, LA, SB, SD). Charles to invite Kaiser fund reps to next meeting.

Next meeting: April 6th 9am-10am