



Pharmacist Nutrition Support Patient-Care Impact Program

Overview and Application Instructions

Pharmacist Nutrition Support Patient-Care Impact Program is a distance education and engagement program designed to develop leaders who have enhanced knowledge and skills to optimize safe and effective care of the nutritional support needs of at-risk patients.

The program will support a cohort of up to ten pharmacy residents in PGY2 programs along with their individual preceptor. The person who submits an application to the program is a residency program director or a preceptor. If accepted into the program the applicant will designate a resident to complete the program and serves as the participant's sponsor to the program.

While all PGY2 programs are eligible, priority consideration will be given to applicants from the following PGY2 program types: Pediatrics, Geriatrics, Critical Care, Internal Medicine, Oncology and Transplant.

Participating residents will complete the ASHP/ASPEN Nutrition Support Certificate, develop and execute an individual project determined in consultation with their program sponsor, and participate in virtual meetings with their cohort. Recognized pharmacy leaders in nutrition support will engage the cohort to enhance application of certificate content through virtual meetings and provide feedback to participants on their projects. The resident's sponsor will have access to the certificate to further develop their skills and support their resident's learning and project completion.

Upon completion of this program, the participant will be able to:

- Design, communicate, and manage evidence-based, patient-specific nutritional support plans for complex patients.
- Develop and implement a project, such as a protocol(s), policy, or quality improvement project to advance the nutritional support practices in their current practice-setting.

Program Timeline for the 2024-2025 Offering

- Application Opens: March 1, 2024
- Program Overview webinar: March 12, 4:00pm ET
- Application Deadline: May 15, 2024
- Participants Selected and Contacted: June 2024
- Program Sponsor submits participating resident: July 2024
- Participant/Sponsor Access to Nutritional Support Certificate: August 2024
- Virtual Engagement / Program Completion: August 2024 – May 2025
- Project Presentations: May 2025

There is no fee to participate in this program. This program is supported by an unrestricted education grant from Baxter. All components of the program will be administered virtually.

Program Curriculum and Methods

The program is a distance-education and engagement program that combines independent completion of a certificate program with virtual meetings with their cohort a recognized pharmacy leader in nutrition support to enhance application of certificate content and provide feedback on individual projects.

Distance Education Program

Participants, the resident and their program sponsor, will complete the Nutrition Support Certificate, produced in collaboration with the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN). This self-guided program consists of twelve modules comprised of online home study activities, providing 20 hours of continuing education credits.

The certificate incorporates recorded presentations, readings, and exercises in curricular modules. Each activity is designed to assess the learners' ability to understand, analyze, and apply materials relevant to nutrition support practice. The program covers malnutrition, nutritional requirements for adult patients receiving nutrition support, a review of best practices for ordering, access, preparation and administration of nutrition support, an overview of potential complications that could result from enteral or parenteral nutrition, as well as ongoing monitoring and error reporting. After completing all of the modules, participants should be proficient in fundamental concepts related to nutrition support care for special patient populations.

Live Videoconferences

Participants will be required to attend and engage during a series of five (5) virtual videoconferences. Of which, three will be case-based presentations and discussion. The initial and final call will focus on cohort introductions and project presentations.

During the live case-based discussions, participants should come prepared to participate. Faculty and participants will apply the certificate content, standards, resources, and tools to nutritional support patient cases. The times and dates of the live videoconferences included below will be provided to the participants upon acceptance into the program.

Topics	Dates
Welcome, Introductions + Planned Individual Projects	August, 2024
Case 1	October 2024
Case 2	January 2025
Case 3	February 2025
Project Presentations	May 2025

Individual Project

Each resident participating in the program will complete a project that will meet a residency requirement. The resident's preceptor will submit a project idea at application. Residents will work with their preceptor to finalize the project and will submit it to ASHP Foundation staff for feedback by the program facilitators. Participants will present their idea on the kick-off call.

Projects should be meaningful to the organization, should meet a residency requirement, and should be aligned with the overall program objectives.

Examples of Potential Projects

- Proposed policy and procedure for nutrition support care of their patients that they have submitted/implemented in their health system.
- Quality improvement project, such as an MUE or other process improvement activity
- Educational outreach program to patients, healthcare providers, and/or other stakeholders

Submission Requirement

Submission of the following project information will be required as fields in the online application: Project Problem or Opportunity Statement and Anticipated Outcomes.

Note: Applicant will work with the resident (participant) to confirm the project. Project idea will be presented at the cohort kick-off call.

Program Requirements

At program-end, within two months after completion, and then 12 months post program, participants are required to provide the ASHP Foundation documentation that demonstrates outcomes of the program.

Deliverable	Due to ASHP Foundation
Resident Present and Submit Project	Presented at last meeting and to be recorded
Resident and Program Sponsor Submit narrative statement via an online survey that addresses the program's impact on participants, preceptors, patient care, and the organization.	2 months post-program
Resident and Program Sponsor Completes the certificate program	6 months post-program
Resident and Program Sponsor Respond to Foundation survey with impact on practice and career development plans	12 months post-program

Application Process and Selection Criteria

The program will be able to accommodate a cohort of 10 residents and 10 individual program sponsors. To be considered for the program, the program sponsor must submit an application online through the ASHP Foundation application system.

Qualifications of the Applicant

This program is designed for a preceptor (the applicant) to serve as a sponsor for one of their institution's incoming PGY-2 pharmacy residents. An individual applicant can sponsor one resident. If space allows, consideration will be given for an applicant to sponsor up to two residents from their organization.

To apply to this program, the applicant must:

- Licensed pharmacist
- Completed an accredited PGY1 residency
- Minimum of 7 years clinical practice experience
- Currently working in a health system or other patient-care setting
- Provides direct-patient care for at least 50% of time
- Currently precepting pharmacy residents in an accredited PGY2 residency program located in the United States.

Current pharmacy residents are not eligible to apply for themselves. The applicant (i.e., the preceptor) will designate the pharmacy resident once accepted to the program and submit their contact information to the Foundation.

Qualifications of the Applicant's Healthcare Organization

All of the following are required for qualification of the participant's current healthcare organization with documentation provided in the application process:

- The applicant's employer must be a health-care organization with resources for the provision of direct patient-care.
- The director of pharmacy or residency program director confirms support for the applicant's and a resident's participation along with departmental commitment to nutrition support services.

Online Application

Applications must be submitted through the ASHP Foundation's online application system by the program deadline to be eligible for external review. In addition to entering responses to the questions included in Table 1:

- Supplemental documents are required to be uploaded in the application process, including: (a) Your Curriculum Vitae (CV) and (b) Letter of Support from Director of Pharmacy or Residency Program Director
- Attest that the information provided is accurate and that you understand the requirements of this program is a check box

Once you have submitted your application, you should receive an e-mail notification. If you do not receive an e-mail confirmation of receipt, please email the ASHP Foundation at foundation@ashp.org.

Application Questions and Selection Criteria

All applications will be reviewed by an external panel. The selection process is competitive. The following questions and criteria will be used to review and score applications:

Table 1: Application Questions and Selection Criteria		
Criteria	Application Questions	Points
Academic /Training Background (Along with responses, your CV will be used to score this criterion.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed an accredited PGY1 residency - Completed an accredited PGY2 residency - Clinical pharmacist with direct patient-care responsibilities for 50% of time and for a minimum of 7 years - Board Certifications - Completion of a nutrition support professional certificate or other training program 	5
Applicant Clinical Practice and Mentoring Experience	<p>Please provide a brief statement (200 words or less for each question) regarding the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Your clinical experience providing care to patients, including their nutrition support needs b. Your interest in, and aptitude for, caring for nutritionally at-risk patients c. Your current/recent teaching and mentoring experiences, including longitudinal projects 	15
Training Expectations	<p>Please provide a brief statement (200 words or less for each question) regarding the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Describe your expectations for implementing the experiences gained through this program in your current practice setting. b. Describe a project that your resident is likely to complete during this program, to include a problem or opportunity statement and expected outcomes. 	15
Institutional Support (Responses to related questions and a letter from the Director of Pharmacy or Residency Program Director will be used to score this criterion.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Does your institution or organization currently have formalized nutrition support services? Yes/No b. Is your institution starting a new nutrition support service? Yes/No c. Briefly describe the pharmacists' role providing nutrition support services (200 words or less) d. Estimated number of patients who are cared for by your nutrition support service (fill-in number or NA) e. For those without an existing team, estimated number of patients for whom you currently provide direct patient care who need nutrition support care (fill-in number of NA) f. How many pharmacists who are board certified nutrition? (BCNSP, CNSC) 	15
External Reviewer Recommendation	Does the external reviewer recommend acceptance of applicant into the program?	Yes/No
TOTAL		50