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Message from the Chair, Linda Cantu, CCP

Greetings to all! As we begin the New Year, it brings further challenges from many aspects to all of us. However in the wake of all these challenges, I am so excited to see the continuing dedication and enthusiasm of the AC-PE members. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you who have committed to the profession in so many ways. We wouldn't be where we are, or going where we need to, without this support. Speaking of where we've come, after 22 years of serving the AC-PE we say goodbye to Bill Horgan. Many aspects of the perfusion profession have been graced with his commitment and leadership. But one of the most admirable qualities is his voice as an advocate for students, program directors and the accreditation process. We sincerely appreciate his example of dedication and we will miss him. I am grateful to see those of you who share his compassion and am confident the work will continue on without so much as a missed step. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to Theresa for her commitment to the AC-PE. She provides the backbone of our operations on a daily basis and is efficient in keeping the process rolling. In closing I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve as AC-PE Chair. Please feel free to let me know how I can best serve you!

STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES REVISION

The AC-PE continues work on review and revision of the Standards and Guidelines. The second draft has been distributed to the CAAHEP Standards Committee, including responses to questions raised in the first round of review. The AC-PE will continue to work with the CAAHEP Standards Committee until a final draft is approved. Once the final draft is approved, it will be distributed to all AC-PE sponsors for written endorsement. Once endorsement is received from all sponsors, CAAHEP will schedule an open hearing and provide at least thirty (30) days notice to appropriate communities of interest, and will also post notice of the open hearing on their website at www.caahep.org. The AC-PE hopes to complete the process and gain CAAHEP approval of the Standards and Guidelines no later than July 2011.

CHANGE TO CANDIDACY PROCESS

The AC-PE made changes to the process of Candidacy status, which was originally required of new programs prior to application for initial accreditation. The purpose of Candidacy status is to allow the AC-PE to work with developing programs as a liaison prior to the program beginning the initial accreditation process. The proposed program is reviewed for compliance with the Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Perfusion and a consult site visit is conducted prior to student acceptance. Candidacy status is now optional and available for those new programs that want closer guidance. However, programs can bypass this process and begin with the initial application process.

AC-PE APPROVED CURRICULUM

The AC-PE reviewed and approved proposed edits to the approved cardiovascular curriculum, which were presented by Perfusion Program Directors' Council members. The revised document, along with a summary of changes, is available on the AC-PE website at www.ac-pe.org under the "AC-PE Approved Curriculum" link. Programs should begin implementing necessary changes in order to maintain compliance with Standard III.C.1. AC-PE Approved Cardiovascular Perfusion Curriculum, which requires that a program's curriculum meet or exceed content requirements of the latest edition of the perfusion curriculum approved by the AC-PE.



GRADUATE AND EMPLOYER SURVEYS

Graduate and Employer Surveys were revised in February 2010 and programs were asked to implement these beginning with 2010 graduates. Since then, the surveys have undergone further revision of the format so survey data can be more easily entered into the new online annual reporting system. The most current revisions of the surveys are always available on the AC-PE website at www.ac-pe.org. **Programs should ensure they are using the correct surveys by checking the AC-PE website prior to survey distribution.**

In addition, programs now have the option to work with the AC-PE to distribute Graduate and Employer Surveys via Survey Monkey. Instructions for those that would like to take advantage of this service are at the end of this Newsletter and are additionally posted on the AC-PE website at www.ac-pe.org under the "Surveys" link.

CAAHEP WEBINARS

CAAHEP recently announced it will be hosting two webinars in February 2011. The programs were developed with directors of CAAHEP accredited programs in mind, and are being offered free of charge if participants use a computer USB headset to attend. (Long distance charges may apply - depending on the individual's plan - for those using the telephone to participate.) Dates and topics for webinars follow and include a link to the CAAHEP registration form. Please note the "Register by" dates so you don't miss out on these opportunities!

Tuesday, February 22, 2011 - 12:00 PM (EST)
Register by February 17, 2011

Introduction to Assessing Student Learning Outcomes

Susan Hatfield, PhD, Professor, Communication Studies, Winona State University

This webinar will provide insight on the process and best practices related to assessing student learning outcomes. Topics include an examination of the difference between assessing program effectiveness and student learning, how assessment of learning differs from evaluation of learning, curriculum mapping, and an introduction into the writing, defining, and measurement of student learning.

Registration link:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/528937035>

Thursday, February 24, 2011 - 12:00 PM (EST)
Register by February 21, 2011

Improving the Quality of Clinical Preceptors: Practical Applications for Bench Teaching

Don Simpson, PhD, MPH, CT (ASCP), University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

This webinar will prepare allied health professionals to teach clinical preceptors how to do more effective bench teaching. Key discussion points will focus on the need for inter-professional development; teaching professionalism and ethics; implementation of research findings; and outcomes assessment. Participants will be able to understand the need for practical applications in bench teaching, develop infrastructure whereby theory can be translated into practical applications, and support the dissemination of translational education throughout the participant's institution.

Registration link:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/257201810>

REMINDER TO PROGRAM DIRECTORS

If you have not yet submitted responses to the AC-PE Outcomes Review questionnaire, kindly do so no later than January 28, 2011. Thanks for your valuable input!!!



AATS PROGRAM FOR PERFUSIONISTS

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS) is holding a program for perfusionists on Saturday May 7, 2011 in conjunction with their annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA. The AATS is in the process of seeking perfusion CEUs for the entire meeting. Below is information on the perfusionist program. For further information regarding the AATS 91st Annual Meeting, visit their website at www.aats.org.

Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner/Perfusionist Program

Saturday, May 7, 2011 [8:00 am - 5:00 pm]

Chair: Michael Argenziano, MD, Columbia University
Topics include

- Percutaneous and hybrid approaches to coronary and valvular disease, treatment of aortic disease, management of difficult challenges in patient care
- Advanced perfusion techniques
- Cerebral and neuroprotection strategies
- Advanced respiratory support and controversies in saphenous vein harvesting

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

CAAHEP Annual Meeting
April 10-11, 2011
Memphis, TN

AC-PE Annual Meeting
May 6, 2011
Philadelphia, PA

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GRADUATE SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING SURVEY MONKEY

Graduate Surveys should be distributed 6-12 months following graduation.

Programs can work with the AC-PE to distribute and collect Graduate Surveys via Survey Monkey:

1. Approximately 5-11 months following graduation, the program should forward the following via email to ac-pe@msn.com:
 - a. Graduation Date of Class;
 - b. List of graduates, including first and last names; and
 - c. Email address for each graduate.
2. AC-PE staff will verify receipt of the information and provide an estimated date for providing returned surveys to the program.
3. AC-PE staff will prepare and distribute a Graduate Survey invitation using Survey Monkey, with the standardized message below:

“Kindly take a moment to complete this Graduate Survey regarding the perfusion program at [INSTITUTION NAME]. Participation is critical as results are provided to the program and used for program improvement and accreditation outcomes reporting. Your input and participation are truly appreciated!”

In addition, the subject of the email will include the institution's name as follows: “Graduate Survey of [Institution Name] Perfusion Program.”

4. If the graduate does not respond to the survey following the initial invitation, one additional attempt will be made to collect the survey. A third attempt will only be made if less than 50% of the surveys distributed were returned, thus putting the program below the 50% return rate threshold.
5. Approximately 3-4 weeks following initial distribution, AC-PE staff will forward the program a summary report of survey distribution and receipt, including a PDF copy of each received survey. ***The program is responsible for maintaining copies of all surveys in its program files. The AC-PE will not maintain copies of surveys.***
6. The program should immediately follow-up with graduates that did not return the survey via Survey Monkey and attempt to collect the survey using another method.

*Survey Monkey requires that email invitations include a note allowing users to opt out of Survey Monkey surveys. If a graduate opts out or has already opted out of participating in Survey Monkey surveys, the program will be responsible for attempting to collect the survey using another method. Individuals opting out will be reported to the program.

EMPLOYER SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING SURVEY MONKEY

Employer Surveys should be distributed 6-12 months following graduation.

Programs can work with the AC-PE to distribute and collect Employer Surveys via Survey Monkey.

1. Approximately 5-11 months following graduation, the program should forward the following via email to ac-pe@msn.com:
 - a. Graduation Date of Class;
 - b. List of employers, including first and last names;
 - c. Employer's place of employment;
 - d. Email address for each employer; and
 - e. Name of graduate employed
2. AC-PE staff will verify receipt of the information and provide an estimated date for providing returned surveys to the program.
3. AC-PE staff will prepare and distribute an Employer Survey invitation using Survey Monkey, with the standardized message below:

"Kindly take a moment to complete this Employer Survey regarding [GRADUATE LAST NAME] who graduated from the perfusion program at [INSTITUTION NAME]. Participation is critical as results are provided to the program and used for program improvement and accreditation outcomes reporting. Your input and participation are truly appreciated."

In addition, the subject of the email will include the graduate's and institution's names as follows: "Employer Survey of [Graduate Last Name], [Institution Name] Perfusion Program Graduate."

4. If the employer does not respond to the survey following the initial invitation, one additional attempt will be made to collect the survey. A third attempt will only be made if less than 50% of the surveys distributed are returned, thus putting the program below the 50% return rate threshold.
5. Approximately 3-5 weeks following initial distribution, AC-PE staff will forward the program a summary report of survey distribution and receipt, including a PDF copy of each received survey. ***The program is responsible for maintaining copies of all surveys in its program files. The AC-PE will not maintain copies of the surveys.***
6. The program should immediately follow-up with employers that did not return the survey via Survey Monkey and attempt to collect the survey using another method.

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