

Committee: New York City Chapter of Health-system Pharmacists
Topic: Controlled Expansion of Pharmacy Schools in NYS
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Whereas, New York State has seven colleges and universities with established schools of pharmacy and two additional schools that recently received state approval, and,

Whereas, The inability of pharmacy practice sites to accommodate increased demands for introductory and advanced experiential education/clinical practice, leads to the potential for a negative impact on the quality of education and, consequently, on the quality of new graduates practicing pharmacy, and,

Whereas, The rapid continued expansion of the number of schools of pharmacy may compromise the quality of pharmacy graduates and affect the workforce needs of the profession, while placing pressures on schools to maintain high standards while filling classes with elite students, and,

Whereas, The primary justification used to justify the expansion of pharmacy schools is to address the pharmacist shortage in the past. Currently, demand and supply of pharmacists is balanced according to the Aggregate Demand Index supported by Pharmacy Workforce Center Inc. Therefore, further rapid expansion of pharmacy schools will put the profession into a risk of surplus, and,

Whereas, The pharmacy profession has not undertaken a rigorous capacity analysis to assess how many pharmacists will be needed in the future, and should pursue further research to better understand how the joined impact of multiple factors (e.g., plans for expanded education, shortages of experienced faculty, shortage of practice sites to provide experiential education, changes of healthcare reform) will affect the future balance between the supply and demand for pharmacists, therefore, be it

Resolved That:

The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the controlled expansion of pharmacy schools to ensure quality of new graduates and future balance between the supply and demand for pharmacists in New York State.

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