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### **Chicago State University Receives Continuing Accreditation Status from the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education**

CHICAGO, IL – The College of Pharmacy at Chicago State University has been awarded continued full accreditation status from the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The pharmacy looks to several professional accrediting agencies to ensure that the University’s pharmacy programs and curriculum remain competitive and strong. “Reaching this 10-year milestone has required a lot of hard work,” says Dr. Carmita Coleman, interim dean, “but we could not be more proud of this achievement.”

The recent accreditation, active through June 2019, is an acknowledgment that the school has met distinguished standards recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as well as the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), a nonprofit organization that facilitates accreditation throughout the United States. These standards include a series of qualitative and quantitative criteria that, through ongoing evaluations, ensure that curricula meet a school’s documented educational goals.

The University offers a Doctor of Pharmacy degree (PharmD) and is ranked in the top 10th percentile for enrollment of underrepresented minority students. “We teach a diverse group of largely first-generation college students who, through our program, are afforded opportunities they may not have previously received. These include being able to participate in a diversified learning discourse and training that prepares them to practice in a variety of settings with top-notch experiential rotations,” Coleman added.

An average of 600 students apply to the popular pharmacy program during enrollment periods. Coleman says many students accepted into the program have been awarded exceptional scholarships, residencies, fellowships, and other academic achievements and are often recognized throughout the country at various medical conferences.

“Through we offer a robust curriculum, we continue to explore new program and degree offerings,” adds Dr. Coleman. “Our staff and students are encouraged and excited about what the next ten years may hold.”

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*Chicago State University (CSU) is a public, comprehensive post-secondary institution that provides access to higher education for students of diverse backgrounds and educational needs. Founded in 1867 to meet the demand for a trained teaching force, CSU is home to Illinois' oldest College of Education and stands distinctively as one of the state's oldest public universities. CSU is currently celebrating its 150th year anniversary.*

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