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Dear School Director:

The purpose of this letter is to notify all career schools and colleges offering Pharmacy Technician Programs that, **effective February 1, 2007, the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (Board) changed the requirements for pharmacy technician trainees.** Registration with the Board is required for individuals who are enrolled in a technician training program at a career school or college when they are completing an externship at a pharmacy. Links to the online registration applications for pharmacy technician trainees, as well as important information including answers to common questions, can be found at www.texaspharmacyboard.org.

Because of the registration requirements, the entrance requirement for pharmacy technician programs must be high school diploma or GED. In addition, catalogs must inform prospective students that:

- they are required to register with the Board as a pharmacy technician trainee and that within two years they will have to register as a pharmacy technician,
- they must have a criminal background check, including submitting fingerprints, and
- they must take and pass the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's National Certification Examination in order to register as a pharmacy technician.

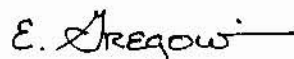
Catalogs and enrollment agreements must also inform the students that the National Certification Examination fee is \$129, and that the fee to register as a pharmacy technician is \$54 (unless the fees are included in your tuition charges). Currently, there is no fee for registration as a pharmacy technician trainee.

Schools must submit catalog and enrollment agreement changes with a form PS-042R by June 29, 2007. In addition, all current students must be informed of this change.

Please feel free to call or e-mail the CS&C staff if you have any questions:

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Enclosure - PS-042, Summary of Changes