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WEST COAST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PHARMACY RECEIVES FULL ACCREDITATION

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA - West Coast University's School of Pharmacy is proud to announce it has been granted full accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

"This achievement represents a significant milestone in the history of our program and is the result of a concerted effort on the part of many stakeholders including preceptors, faculty, staff, students and administration," WCU School of Pharmacy Dean Reza Taheri, PharmD, MBA said. "The accreditation progression is a multi-year process. For me personally, it's been six years in the making and this is very special in terms of what it means to the program."

WCU's accreditation extends until June 30, 2020, which is the customary two-year term for a new program receiving full accreditation status. ACPE accreditation generally involves three steps: precandidate, candidate and accredited status.

WCU Provost Arte Libunao said the university's accreditation capped a significant period for the PharmD program, which included celebrating the hooding of its first graduating class, the inaugural cohort walking at the Spring 2018 Commencement and WCU winning this year's California Pharmacists Association Quiz Bowl.

"We're very proud of everything the PharmD program has accomplished so far," Libunao said, "and we know that each wave of graduates will continue to pave a path of continued excellence for future cohorts to follow."

WCU's four-year School of Pharmacy doctorate program is a combination of enhanced communication and teamwork skills, advanced technology, interprofessional education and an integrated curriculum designed to educate and train flexible, inspired and team-oriented pharmacists that improve patients' lives.

The School of Pharmacy is located at the West Coast University -Center for Graduate Studies located at 590 N Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

ACPE is the national agency for accreditation in pharmacy education in the United States and U.S. territories. ACPE sets standards for assuring and advancing quality in the education and continuing education of pharmacists to prepare them for the delivery of pharmacist-provided patient care.

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ABOUT WEST COAST UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1909, West Coast University is a private institution focused on health care education. WCU offers both undergraduate and graduate health sciences degrees. WCU campuses are located in Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties in California, as well as Dallas, Texas and Miami, Florida. WCU now offers Online RN to BSN, RN to MSN and MSN - Advanced Generalist programs. Through our commitment to academic excellence, fostering of a student centric culture, and investment in advanced campus facilities, WCU strives to stay on the leading edge of the health care industry, preparing graduates for a career they love and one that meets the needs of the community. WCU is institutionally accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission. For more information about WCU visit, www.westcoastuniversity.edu/about