

## Proposed Changes to Standards: Request for Public Comment

In September 2012, the NAACLS Board of Directors approved new Standards for Accredited and Approved Programs. All programs will begin to be reviewed under these Standards starting with those that will be submitting their self-studies in Fall 2014.

The NAACLS Board of Directors is requesting public comment for two (2) proposed 2012 Standards changes: All comments must be sent via letter to the NAACLS office, or by email to [erotchford@naacsls.org](mailto:erotchford@naacsls.org) by the end of business on **June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

### **First Proposed Change: Align minimum education requirements for MLT and HT programs in Standard I (associate degree minimum)**

#### **Current Standard I (as it pertains to MLT and HT):**

##### **D. Responsibilities of the Sponsor**

##### **1. The sponsor has primary responsibility for:**

- g. ensuring that graduates of the program have obtained or will obtain the minimum degree and/or certificate upon completion of the program:**

MLT programs: an associate degree or higher, or a certificate for students who hold or complete the required degree

HT programs: a certificate or an associate degree or higher

#### **Proposed Change to Standard I (as it pertains to MLT and HT):**

##### **D. Responsibilities of the Sponsor**

##### **1. The sponsor has primary responsibility for:**

- g. ensuring that graduates of the program have obtained or will obtain the minimum degree and/or certificate upon completion of the program:**

MLT **and HT** programs: an associate degree or higher, or a certificate for students who hold or complete the required degree

~~HT programs: a certificate or an associate degree or higher~~

**Second Proposed Change: Qualifications for PBT program directors in Standard VII (ASCP BOC US Certification required)**

**Current Standard VII for PBT:**

A. Program Director

1. Qualifications

The program director must be a medical laboratory professional who:

- a. has a baccalaureate degree or higher;
- b. holds ASCP-BOC U.S. certification as a Medical Laboratory Scientist/Medical Technologist, Medical Laboratory Technician, or holds certification in phlebotomy from an applicable recognized certification agency (see NAACLS website).
- c. has experience in phlebotomy education;
- d. has knowledge of educational methods and administration as well as current approval and certification procedures.

Program Directors who have been approved as a program director of a NAACLS approved PBT program prior to October 1, 2013 remain eligible as a program director.

**Proposed Change to Standard VII for PBT:**

A. Program Director

1. Qualifications

The program director must be a medical laboratory professional who:

- a. has a baccalaureate degree or higher;
- b. holds ASCP-BOC U.S. certification as a Medical Laboratory Scientist/Medical Technologist, Medical Laboratory Technician, or holds **ASCP-BOC U.S. certification** in phlebotomy ~~from an applicable recognized certification agency (see NAACLS website).~~
- c. has experience in phlebotomy education;
- d. has knowledge of educational methods and administration as well as current approval and certification procedures.

Program Directors who have been approved as a program director of a NAACLS approved PBT program prior to May 16, 2014 remain eligible as a program director.

This request for public comment has been placed on the NAACLS website, and comments may be sent via letter to the NAACLS office, or by email to [erotchford@naacsls.org](mailto:erotchford@naacsls.org). **Due to the informal nature of LISTSERV communications, comments or discussion posted on the CLS Educators LISTSERV will not be presented to or considered by the NAACLS Board of Directors.** All comments must be received by the end of business on **June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014**. The comments will then be reviewed and brought before the Board of Directors at the September 2014 Board Meeting.

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