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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Pharmacy to terminate the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Residency in Pharmacy: PGY-1 and the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Residency in Pharmacy: PGY-2 will be an agenda item for the March 6, 2026, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost Benjamin Ayers

Dr. Marisa Anne Pagnattaro

PROPOSAL FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Date: February 4, 2026

School/College: College of Pharmacy

Department/Division: Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy

Program (Major and Degree): Graduate Certificate in Clinical Residency in Pharmacy: PGY-1
Graduate Certificate in Clinical Residency in Pharmacy: PGY-2

Which campus(es) offer this program? Athens

Deactivation or Termination? Termination

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2026

Last date students will be admitted to this program: Summer 2025

Last date students will graduate from this program: Summer 2026

Note: There may be no enrollment in the program as of the termination effective date.

Program Abstract:

Provide a brief summary of the program being proposed for deactivation or termination.

The overall goal of the certificates is to produce academically focused pharmacy practitioners in the state of Georgia who have the knowledge and skills to provide state-of-the-art care in a dynamic health care environment. The program was designed according to national standards and guidelines of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists for pharmacy resident post-graduate year 1 (PGY-1) and post-graduate year 2 (PGY-2) of training. Residents in the program acquire substantial knowledge, strengthen their professional values and attitudes, and advance the growth of their clinical judgement.

1. State the reasons for terminating the program and provide copies of any relevant documents.

The University of Georgia is implementing a new institutional approach to residency training programs across multiple disciplines, including pharmacy, medicine, and veterinary medicine. This new framework establishes two pathways for residency programs: 1) degree-conferring graduate programs (e.g., M.S., Ph.D.), and 2) programs structured under the postdoctoral job classification.

Within the College of Pharmacy, the Clinical Education and Residency Program (CERP), Clinical Residency in Pharmacy: PGY-1, and CERP, Clinical Residency in Pharmacy: PGY-2 programs are currently administered as graduate certificate programs under the UGA Graduate School. These programs are non-degree-conferring and have historically operated under a funding model supported by graduate assistantships.

However, according to current UGA policy, graduate assistantships may only be used to support students enrolled in degree-conferring graduate programs. Therefore, the current structure and funding model are no longer consistent with institutional guidelines.

To ensure alignment with UGA's new approach and compliance with university policy, the Department

of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy seeks to transition the residency program from a graduate certificate program to a postdoctoral scholars program. This transition will also involve shifting the funding model away from graduate assistantships to one consistent with postdoctoral appointments. Accordingly, the faculty need to formally request approval to close the existing graduate certificate programs, CERP Clinical Residency in Pharmacy: PGY-1 and PGY-2. This change will allow the programs to maintain program continuity while aligning with UGA's broader strategic direction for residency and postdoctoral training.

2. What will be done to minimize the impact of the termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty and staff involved? Include specific information on: a) how faculty and staff will be notified of the termination, and b) how faculty and staff will be reallocated.

No changes are needed, since the college will still have the same number of residents. The residency program will need the same number of faculty and staff. The residents will be classified as post-docs instead of graduate students.

3. What will be done to ensure that termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?

No changes are needed. Residents will continue to interact with professional Pharm.D. students in the same manner as before. The admission, progression, and certification of completion of the residency programs will remain under the supervision of the Residency Program Director, currently Clinical Professor Beth Phillips. The Program Director will also remain responsible for maintaining the accreditation of the various residency experiences (19 in total). These programs currently meet national standards and are fully accredited by, and will continue to be accredited by, the American Colleges of Pharmacy Education (ACPE). ACPE accreditation is not dependent in any way on these programs remaining as non-degree seeking graduate programs.

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Terminate the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Residency in Pharmacy: PGY-1 and the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Residency in Pharmacy: PGY-2

College: College of Pharmacy

Department: Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2026

School/College:

- Head of the Department of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy. Dr. Henry Young, 2/4/2026
- College of Pharmacy Dean, Dr. Kelly Smith, 2/4/2026
- Graduate School Associate Dean, Dr. Anne Shaffer, 3/5/2026