

A B.Pharm Student from Tamilnadu, Mr. Sivakumar had sent me the following e-mail:

Sir,

I am a pharmacy student from Tamilnadu. Me and thousands of pharmacy students in India are having the doubt that, "whether Indian Pharm. D is accepted in United states of America?"

1. Is it possible for an Indian pharmacy student who has completed Pharm.D or post baccalaureate Pharm.D in India to register as pharmacist in any state of US and work there ?
2. How many years one has to study to complete Pharm.D after M.pharm? (I heard M.pharm pharmacology and pharmacy practice students can do Pharm.D which is one year after M.pharm. is it so ?)

Please I kindly request you to answer this query as it is in minds of millions of pharmacy students all over india.

The **answer** to above questions is as follows:

As regards to the recognition of Pharm.D in US. There is no such thing of recognition of the degree in US. The NABP which is the equivalent of PCI in USA assesses the various pharmacy degrees from across the world for pharmacists migrating to US and looking for practising the Pharmacy profession there. The curriculum for Pharm.d is structured in such a manner which should meet the requirements of such considerations.

The Pharm.D programme is structured in such a manner that-

1. It has adequate clinical content to practise the profession of pharmacy globally.
2. The duration of the course is in the globally accepted norms.
3. Pharm.D is a registerable qualification in India.

The above three requisites should be able to meet the requirements of any pharmacy qualification accrediting Body.

Regarding your question about M.Pharm being eligible to Pharm.D in One year- the answer is No! Even M.Pharm graduates will have to undergo 3years of Pharm.D (PB)

with best wishes

Dr. B. Suresh