

APPENDIX E

Request for Authorization to Reinstate a Baccalaureate Degree in the School of Pharmacy at UNC-Chapel Hill

Introduction

UNC-Chapel Hill requests authorization to award a B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree effective October 2007.

Rationale

The Pharm.D. degree is the professional degree that is now required for students to enter the practice of pharmacy. UNC-Chapel Hill's request to discontinue the B.S. in Pharmacy degree in 1994 was based on the substitution of one degree (B.S.) with another (Pharm.D.) that required additional didactic course work and more experiential training. UNC-Chapel Hill now believes that awarding both degrees is appropriate. The status of the Pharm.D. as a professional degree means that students who enter the program after two years of undergraduate education are considered as "inactive" by the undergraduate program and are not included in any undergraduate statistical reporting. Once the baccalaureate degree has been reinstated, UNC-Chapel Hill will confer a B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Pharm.D. degrees, paralleling the practice at Elizabeth City State University. The B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences will be awarded when all course work is completed at the end of five of the six years of required study. The Pharm.D. degree will be awarded when the experiential training has been completed at the end of the sixth year, which will make the person eligible for licensing. The reinstatement of the baccalaureate degree will solve two issues—offering a parallel degree course to the Elizabeth City State University program and allowing UNC-Chapel Hill to acknowledge the degrees earned by its Pharmacy students.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the request to award the B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree (CIP 51.2099) at UNC-Chapel Hill effective October 2007.