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## All Residency Programs

*How can we send the Entering Interest forms to newly matched residents?*

Because ResiTrak no longer allows the enrollment of new residents, programs have a few options at this time for Entering Interest forms and Objective-Based Entering Evaluations (as well as custom entering evals).

- Option: Send from PharmAcademic in May
- Option: Send by email only
- Option: Send the ASHP Entering Interests Form now, assign the Objective-Based Entering Self-Evaluation in PharmAcademic

### **Option: Send from PharmAcademic in May**

One option is to wait until May, when you can enroll your new residents in PharmAcademic. PharmAcademic will allow you to send the same entering evaluations you used in ResiTrak, and these evaluations will be easily viewable in the Resident Viewer, the screen that lets programs view and monitor resident progress throughout the year.

### **Option: Send by email only**

Another option is to send the resident the evaluations as attachments to an email, and let the resident return the completed questionnaires as electronic files which can be loaded into PharmAcademic's Resident File Manager, where they will be visible in the Resident Viewer screen.

### **Option 3: Send the ASHP Entering Interests Form now, assign the Goal Based Entering Self-Evaluation in PharmAcademic**

A third option is to send the new resident the ASHP Entering Interests form questions now (you can save a PDF of the ResiTrak version on the ResiTrak Help page under "Sample Evaluations" or use the questions as listed below), and then assign the Objective-Based Entering Evaluation after enrolling the resident into PharmAcademic. This option allows the program to load the responses to the Entering Interests form questions as a file on the Resident Viewer, but allows the resident to complete the goal-based entering evaluation in PharmAcademic. This option may be especially valuable for PGY1 Programs who are moving to the new educational goals and objectives (available now at <http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/Accreditation/Newly-approved-Competency-Areas-Goals-and-Objectives-September-2014.pdf>).

#### Questions from ASHP Standard Entering Interests Form

1. State your career goals, both short term (5 years) and long term (10-15 years).
2. Describe your current practice interests.
3. What are your strengths? This should include direct patient care skills as well as personal strengths.
4. List areas of weakness that you would like to improve on during the residency.
5. Given your listed career goals, interests, strengths, and weaknesses, list at least three (3) goals that you wish to accomplish during your residency.
6. Describe activities/experiences that have contributed to your skills in the following areas:
7. What areas of residency training would you like to concentrate on during the residency program? (List in order of importance.)
8. Describe the frequency and type of preceptor interaction you feel to be ideal. Where do you see the preceptor fitting into your professional development and maturity?
9. What is your personal strategy for life-long continuing education?
10. What role will professional organizations have in your career?

#### *How are you handling Community Pharmacy residency programs which are not moving to a new accreditation standard?*

Because the PGY1 Community accreditation standard and educational goals and objectives have not yet been updated, your program will transition to PharmAcademic with all of your current information. Your current residents will finish this year's residency program in ResiTrak, and beginning in May you will transition to PharmAcademic with your current educational outcomes, goals, and objectives. Once the new PGY1 Community accreditation standard and educational goals and objectives have been adopted, PharmAcademic will help you make the transition for that residency year.

## PGY1 Pharmacy Programs

*How can we start selecting educational goals and objectives as “Taught” or “Taught and Evaluated” for our Learning Experiences from the new PGY1 educational Competency Areas, Goals and Objectives?*

ResiTrak does not contain the educational goals and objectives associated with the newly adopted PGY1 Pharmacy accreditation standard. The educational Competency Areas, Goals, and Objectives associated with the new PGY1 Pharmacy Accreditation Standard will be available in PharmAcademic ~~be~~ in May 2015. However, if you would like to begin mapping your learning experiences to the new educational competency areas, goals and objectives, please review the information on the ASHP website.

From [www.ashp.org](http://www.ashp.org), select Residency Accreditation > Regulations and Standards > (scroll down) PGY1 Outcomes, Goals and Objectives section of their website.

Here you will find the [Newly Approved Required Competency Areas, Goals, and Objectives – March 2015](#) and the [Newly Approved Elective Competency Areas, Goals, and Objectives](#).

*If I’m transitioning to the new PGY1 Pharmacy accreditation standard, how will I select educational goals and objectives for my Learning Experiences?*

Selecting the new accreditation standard for the 2015-2016 residency year means that none of your learning experiences will have educational goals and objectives selected when they are transitioned to PharmAcademic; therefore, you will need to select/assign the new educational goals and objectives to all learning experience before you can add the learning experiences to residents’ schedules.

We are encouraging programs to begin to think about mapping the new educational goals and objectives to learning experiences now (on paper), with the understanding that you will be able to add this information to PharmAcademic beginning in May. Because your evaluations are based on the selection of educational goals and objectives (and you will be evaluating and tracking at the objective level), you will need to complete the selection for each learning experience before it can be added to a resident’s schedule.

Learning experiences in PharmAcademic will also have space to record the General Description, Expectations of Residents, and Learning Activities (which are mapped directly to selected objectives for the learning experience).

## ResiTrak

### *Can we continue to use ResiTrak?*

Your current residents for the 2014-15 residency year will finish in ResiTrak. You will complete all evaluations and complete the resident close-out process when residents for the 2014-15 residency class complete the program. **NOTE: For programs with multi-year residency programs, or programs with non-traditional start dates with residents currently enrolled, this means that you may continue to use ResiTrak until your residents complete the program.**

ResiTrak will continue to be available to you to review data for former residents. Future releases of PharmAcademic will include options to view ResiTrak data for accreditation.

ALL programs (i.e., PGY1 Pharmacy, PGY1 Community, PGY1 Managed Care, and all PGY2 programs) with residents for the 2015-16 residency year will be moving to [PharmAcademic](#).

### *How long will I have access to my data in ResiTrak*

You will not lose any data in ResiTrak as we move to PharmAcademic. Continue to use ResiTrak for your current residents (i.e., 2014-15 residency class) who have not completed the program, and enroll your new residents (i.e., 2015-16 residency class) in PharmAcademic beginning in May 2015. You will continue to have access to ResiTrak in order to review reports and files for previous year residents, as this information is needed for accreditation.

Your learning experience data will be transitioned from ResiTrak into PharmAcademic, and you will be able to view PharmAcademic and ResiTrak side-by-side. There is no need to print any information from ResiTrak in preparation for the transition.

You may wish to begin considering the updates you would like to make to your learning experiences for the 2015-16 residency year and beyond. Learning experiences in PharmAcademic will have space to record the General Description, Expectations of Residents, and Learning Activities (which are mapped directly to selected objectives for the learning experience).

### *My Program is new. Should we be adding information to ResiTrak?*

No. Please do not add any new program information to ResiTrak. We suggest using the information provided by ASHP at <http://www.ashp.org/menu/Accreditation/ResidencyAccreditation> for your planning now, and wait to begin using PharmAcademic in May.