

# ASHP Clinical Skills Competition<sup>SM</sup> Student Handbook Summary

## Defining the Clinical Skills Competition

The Clinical Skills Competition provides pharmacy students with the opportunity to apply their didactic education and clinical knowledge in an interactive, team-based analysis of clinical scenarios for health-system pharmacist, including but not limited to a particular practice setting, disease state or type of drug therapy.

## Defining the Objectives of the Clinical Skills Competition

The objectives of the Clinical Skills Competition include but are not limited to the following:

- Provide case analysis
  - Provide a written assessment, formatted as the Pharmacists' Care Plan, within two-hour time limit
    - Include list of health care problems, problem prioritization as well as therapeutic goals, recommendations for therapy, monitoring parameters and therapeutic endpoints for each problem
  - Provide an oral presentation within two-minute time limit
    - Include names, school of pharmacy, brief summary of the patient's condition, listing all health care problems that require immediate attention and a complete treatment plan for the most urgent problem, including therapeutic goals, recommendations for therapy, monitoring parameters and therapeutic endpoints
  - Provide answers to questions posed by the panel of judges within eight-minute time limit

## Defining Student Eligibility to Participate in the Clinical Skills Competitions

*For the Local Clinical Skills Competition:* Any student, who has not practiced as a licensed pharmacist, and who attends a full-time ACPE-accredited (including "candidate" status) Doctor of Pharmacy program.

*For the National Clinical Skills Competition:* Any ASHP student member, who has not practiced as a licensed pharmacist, and who attends a full-time ACPE-accredited (including "candidate" status) Doctor of Pharmacy program. Only one team of two students may compete at the national competition per ACPE-accreditation.

## Defining the Rules of the Local Clinical Skills Competition

The rules of the Local Clinical Skills Competition include but are not limited to the following:

- Students compete in teams of two persons
- Permissible resources include but are not limited to the following:
  - Electronic database references, such as AccessPharmacy, Lexi-Complete®, UpToDate®, etc.
  - Internet access
- Provisions of the Local Clinical Skills Competition may include but are not limited to the following:
  - Additional reference texts

## Defining the Rules of the National Clinical Skills Competition

The rules of the National Clinical Skills Competition include but is not limited to the following:

- Students compete in teams of two persons; only one team per ACPE-accreditation may compete at the national competition
- The semi-final round (written care plans) takes place at the Midyear Clinical Meeting on the Saturday before the meeting officially begins and is only open to the winning teams of the Local Clinical Skills Competition who are current ASHP members
- Permissible resources for the semi-final round include but are not limited to the following:
  - Electronic database references (AccessPharmacy and Lexi-Complete® are provided at the national competition)
  - Internet access

***\*Note: Students are encouraged to bring a personal laptop and/or tablet (maximum 2 per team) to the national competition for the purposes of conducting research. The use of personal or classroom notes or collaborative documents are prohibited.***
- The final round (oral presentations) takes place at the Midyear Clinical Meeting on the Sunday before the meeting officially begins and is only open to the top ten teams from the semi-final round

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the winner of the Local Clinical Skills Competition rewarded?**

The winning team of the Local Clinical Skills Competition receives free registration to the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting (per the eligibility requirements noted above).
- **What is the winner of the National Clinical Skills Competition rewarded?**

Members of the top ten finalist teams receive an iPad, a 1-year subscription to Lexi-Complete®, a \$50 Amazon gift card, and a choice of an ASHP Self-Assessment Resource. Members of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams receive cash awards (\$500, \$250, and \$100 for each member respectively). The 1<sup>st</sup> place team also receives individual 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies and one large 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy for their school or college of pharmacy.
- **How do I get started?**

Register with your local Coordinator today!

Please see the FAQ document on the ASHP website for more information ([www.ashp.org/clinicalskills](http://www.ashp.org/clinicalskills)).

## For More Information

For more information, please refer to the **ASHP Clinical Skills Competition Student Handbook**. For additional questions or concerns, please contact [students@ashp.org](mailto:students@ashp.org).