

# What is an Advanced Program?

## Definition:

An *advanced-level program* assumes attendees already have a strong foundation in the content area. Information should **expand or deepen existing expertise**, not review basic concepts.

## Purpose of ASHP Levels:

- Help attendees select sessions that align with their expertise and learning goals.
- Ensure content is tailored to the appropriate knowledge level.
- Enhance satisfaction and educational value for experienced practitioners.

## Characteristics of Advanced Programs:

- Assume familiarity with foundational knowledge — speak to peers, not novices.
- Present **new evidence, emerging data, or evolving best practices**.
- Provide **interpretation and synthesis**, not repetition of known facts.
- Focus on **data-driven, evidence-based** content; cite key studies where appropriate.
- Avoid elementary pathophysiology or definitions unless needed for context.
- Incorporate **provocative or forward-looking discussion** (e.g., controversies, predicted trends).
- Position nonpharmacist speakers to present as they would to **physicians or executive-level audiences**.

