Subject: ABFSE Summer Updates Emailed: 6/23/2020

Dear ABFSE Community,

With the summer months upon us and the continuing conditions imposed by the pandemic, there are several important items to share.

**July 1** is the implementation date for a host of changes resulting from review of the federal Higher Education Act. One change impacting ABFSE schools is the requirement that programs leading to licensure must disclose to prospective *and* enrolled students whether or not the academic program will satisfy the licensing requirements of the student's state. See **Professional licensure disclosure** on the 'For Educators' page of the ABFSE website.

**Summer Curriculum Review** will be held in a virtual format July 16-17. The Curriculum committee will finalize the participants for each working group during a meeting today. If you have any recommendations for updates to the outlines, be sure to send them to the ABFSE office or to Wayne Cavender. History, Sociology, Anatomy and Pathology are the outlines for review.

The **Program Committee** has re-scheduled several of the professional development sessions originally planned for the Annual Conference. On July 30, we will hold another 'Town Hall' session at 2 PM followed by a "Best Practices" professional development session at 3:30 PM. Another professional development opportunity is slated for September 24. Watch your email and the ABFSE website for details.

The **2019 Annual Report summary data** is now available on the ABFSE website. See the 'For Educators' page under Annual Report Statistics <u>http://www.abfse.org/html/educators.html</u>. Fifty-six accredited programs completed Annual Reports. Two programs closed in 2019. One of those submitted an annual report and one did not (2 graduates). Data from three programs seeking Candidacy are not included in the Annual Report statistics.

*Program Directors* be sure to verify the ABFSE Directory info sent to you last week so we can meet the deadline to publish by June 30.

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