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Recently, the content of pharmaceutical education have been reconsidered in Japan and much attention has been paid to the new system of pharmaceutical education. The Pharmaceutical Society of Japan (PSJ) is expected to play a central role during the process of these dramatic changes in educational system and content. We decided to establish a Pharmaceutical Education Division in the PSJ, which will start in April 2004, and this symposium is the start-up symposium of the division. There are three sessions in the symposium: "Current Application and Future Development of the Core-Curriculum of the Pharmaceutical Practice Model," "New Education System: Expectations from the Public," and "Wish-lists for Pharmaceutical Education Workshop." In each session, two or three speakers will give a relatively short presentation and most of the time will be used for panel discussions. We anticipate the participation of many PSJ members.