New and Noteworthy

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Mark Your Calendar

Please mark your calendar for the following upcoming dates and deadlines:

**Community IPPE**
- P1 student pharmacists will be completing their on-site workbook activities during the fall semester. Students will be at the IPPE community sites for 25 hours between now and November 30, 2008.

**Institutional IPPE**
- Capstone Institutional rotations sessions for the 2008-2009 rotation year will be held:
  - Session 1: May 11, 2009 – May 22, 2009
  - Session 2: May 25, 2009 – June 5, 2009
  - Session 3: June 8, 2009 – June 19, 2009

Please mark your calendar for the following upcoming dates and deadlines:

**IPPE**
- Student Assessment Forms from Block 2 (August) are due on or before September 8, 2008
- Block 3: September 1, 2008 – September 30, 2008
- Student Assessment Forms from Block 3 are due on or before October 7, 2008
- Block 4: October 1, 2008 – October 31, 2008
- Student Assessment Forms from Block 4 are due on or before November 7, 2008
- Block 5: November 1, 2008 – November 30, 2008
- Student Assessment Forms from Block 5 are due on or before December 8, 2008

Members of the Class of 2012 recite the “Pledge of Professionalism” at the White Coat Ceremony held August 16, 2008 at the Health Sciences Auditorium

“...I acknowledge the vital role that my pharmacy education and personal and professional accountability plays in this process.

I will develop a sense of loyalty and duty to the profession of pharmacy, to the WVU School of Pharmacy, and to my peers as I actively accept my responsibilities as a student pharmacist...”

“...I will support my colleagues and dedicate my life and pharmacy practice to achievement of excellence in the health outcomes of my patients.

In fostering professionalism as a student pharmacist, I will uphold the WVU School of Pharmacy Code of Academic and Professional Integrity.

I take this pledge voluntarily and I do so with the full realization of the responsibility entrusted to me by the WVU School of Pharmacy, my classmates, colleagues, patients, and the public.”
Welcome New Preceptors and Sites!

- Tri-State Pharmacy, Weirton, WV (Megan Diserio, Pharm.D., and Curt Virtue, R.Ph.)
- Cheat Lake Animal Hospital, Morgantown, WV (Carrie Dixon, DVM)
- Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital, Parkersburg, WV (Susan Drady, R.Ph.)
- Kroger, Morgantown, WV (Marcus Harbert, Pharm.D., and Jeff Mick, Pharm.D.)
- Saint Joseph HealthCare, Lexington, KY (Kevin Poe, Pharm.D.)
- WVU Hospitals, Inc., Morgantown, WV (Louis Sokos, R.Ph.)
- ContinuumCare Pharmacy of Barboursville, Barboursville, WV (John Stock, R.Ph.)

Welcome!

Preceptor Spotlight

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| **Jamie Allman, Pharm.D.**  
VAMC, Huntington, WV  
Student comments about Dr. Allman and his rotation include: |
| • “The rapport he has with all members of the hospital is admirable and the practice he has built is inspiring.” |
| • “He never made me feel stupid or embarrassed if I answered a question incorrectly, and he always provided feedback about my performance.” |
| • “We spent a lot of time away from Dr. Allman, forcing us to come up with our own recommendations and work through problems ourselves. However, he was always there if we needed to ask questions and always confirmed that our recommendations were correct before we talked with the providers.” |
| **Lisa Biondo, Pharm.D.**  
WVU Hospitals, Inc, Morgantown, WV  
Student comments about Dr. Biondo and her rotation include: |
| • “Dr. Biondo taught me what key items to look for when I was profiling my patients. She also gave me some review topics such as kinetics and how it applied to the pediatric setting. This makes it very useful to use your knowledge in the clinical setting.” |
| • “Dr. Biondo allowed me to evaluate drug therapy and then we went on rounds together. She also gave me assignments that allowed me to review key principles from pharmacy school. This helped reinforce my learning and allowed me to gain more knowledge in areas I was not familiar with.” |

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| **Lena Maynor, Pharm.D.**  
WVU School of Pharmacy – Morgantown, WV  
Student comments about Dr. Maynor and her rotation include: |
| • “Dr. Maynor provided an excellent educational experience during this rotation. She took the time to go over topics and clarify questions at all times throughout the rotation.” |
| • “Patient and topic discussions daily, appropriate testing of student knowledge during rounds and discussions,” were innovative practices that Dr. Maynor used to facilitate learning. |
| **Michele McClung, Pharm.D.**  
Rite Aid #1380, Parkersburg, WV  
Student comments about Dr. McClung and her rotation include: |
| • “She actively involves students in the activities of the Diabetes Connection PEIA program at Rite Aid.” |
| • “Student recommendations and opinions are taken seriously without being critical or taking offense. I appreciated the way that she treated me not as thought I was ‘just another student’ but as a practitioner equal to herself.” |
Class of 2012 Computer Initiative

The School of Pharmacy welcomed the Class of 2012 a few weeks ago. This is the first class to be part of an exciting new computer initiative. Thinkpad® notebook computers have been integrated into the curriculum for first professional year students, and this initiative will continue with them throughout pharmacy school. This technology provides students accessibility to useful information and can be utilized to enhance their experiences both inside and outside of the classroom.

In addition to classroom work, the computers will be used at their community pharmacy sites to guide their activities and discussion topics. This will allow student pharmacists to complete assignments at their site electronically, which will allow for ease of transfer of the information for submission and review by the Office of Experiential Learning. It will also allow students to have access to the information they learn at their community pharmacy site for the next several years while they are in pharmacy school.

We are excited to advance the experiential education program along with this initiative!

Preceptor Development

The Pharmacist's Letter provides CE relevant to preceptor training at no charge. Please read the descriptions of the programs offered Sept - Nov. If you choose to complete one or more of the programs, please provide us with a copy of your CE certificate so we can include this in our preceptor database. The certificates can be e-mailed to Jenny Ostien at jostien@hsc.wvu.edu, faxed to 304-293-7672 or mailed to: Jenny Ostien, MS, WVU School of Pharmacy 1124 HSN, PO Box 9520, Morgantown, WV 26506.

The new Preceptor Training & Resource Network from Pharmacist's Letter is making it possible for you to attend live preceptor training webinars at no charge. You will be able to see and listen to the presentations, plus participate with our own observations and questions. You will also get CE credit or LIVE CE credit at no charge. Please read the description below and feel free to participate in any of the webinars offered by the Pharmacist's Letter's Preceptor Training & Resource Network. We appreciate your participation as a preceptor in our program, and we are pleased to invite you to participate in this benefit.

Dear Preceptor,

You are invited to attend these upcoming LIVE Preceptor Training courses:

SEPTEMBER: "Evaluation and Feedback in Pharmacy Practice Experiences"
OCTOBER: "Promoting Professionalism in Pharmacy Practice Experiences"
NOVEMBER: "Incorporating Experiential Students into New or Existing Pharmacy Services"

In addition to learning valuable precepting techniques and getting preceptor training, you will also be awarded CE credit for all states. You will be able to count these credits for LIVE CE in any state that requires LIVE CE. These courses also count towards special continuing education requirements for preceptor CE in Minnesota and Texas.

The courses are delivered to you in a live webinar. You can call in or listen through a computer, it's your choice. You can participate from any Internet connected computer.

There will be no charge to you. Just click on the link next to the sessions you would like to attend below:

Course 1: Evaluation and Feedback in Pharmacy Practice Experiences
- It is almost impossible for students to grow and improve if they don't have a good feel for their strengths...and their weaknesses. During this session, we'll review why it is so important to provide feedback and regular evaluations for your introductory and advanced practice experience students or interns. We will talk about proven methods for providing feedback on students' interviewing and clinical skills...strategies to help you overcome barriers to effective evaluation...and ways to give feedback in difficult learning situations.
- Register for "Evaluation and Feedback in Pharmacy Practice Experiences" by clicking on the registration link next to the date/time of the course you would like to attend below. Space is limited...register today to reserve your spot.
- Please choose which day you'd like to attend this one-hour program:
  - Tues, Sept. 2nd at 8pm Eastern/7pm Central/6pm Mountain/5pm Pacific: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/299887276
Course 2: Promoting Professionalism in Pharmacy Practice Experiences  
- In this course, we focus on one of the biggest challenges in precepting: promoting professional behaviors and attitudes in student pharmacists. We'll review strategies to encourage professionalism...even when there is a "generation gap" between you and your students. We'll give you the most effective methods to bridge that gap...and develop professional, positive relationships between student pharmacists and pharmacy staff, other health care providers and patients.  
- Register for "Promoting Professionalism in Pharmacy Practice Experiences" today by clicking on the registration link next to the date/time of the course you would like to attend below. Space is limited...register today to reserve your spot.  
- Please choose which day you'd like to attend this one-hour program:  
  • Thurs, Oct. 2nd at 8pm Eastern/7pm Central/6pm Mountain/5pm Pacific: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/810870242  
  • Wed, Oct. 8th at 1pm Eastern/12pm Central/11am Mountain/10am Pacific: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/165079435

Course 3: Incorporating Experiential Students into New or Existing Pharmacy Services  
- Smoothly and seamlessly integrating students into a pharmacy service can be challenging for even the most seasoned preceptor. This session will give you proven tips for helping students at all levels fit in to, and even serve as a resource for, established pharmacy services. We will review ways that students can contribute to, and learn from, the development of a new service. You'll also learn how to overcome common barriers and develop activities and projects for students involved in service-learning activities in community and health-system pharmacy settings.  
- Register for "Incorporating Experiential Students into New or Existing Pharmacy Services" today by clicking on the registration link next to the date/time of the course you would like to attend below. Space is limited...register today to reserve your spot.  
- Please choose which day you'd like to attend this one-hour program:  
  • Mon, Nov. 3rd at 8pm Eastern/7pm Central/6pm Mountain/5pm Pacific: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/590390034  
  • Mon, Nov. 24th at 1pm Eastern/12pm Central/11am Mountain/10am Pacific: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/359287772

If you are a Pharmacist's Letter subscriber, you can also go to www.pharmacistsletter.com/ptrn to register...or find out more about our other webinars and our home-based preceptor training CE courses and other precepting tools. These webinars are accredited for live CE in all states and have been approved to meet special preceptor continuing education requirements for Texas and Minnesota pharmacists.

Email us at preceptor@pletter.com if you have any questions or need help registering for these courses.

Sincerely,  
Kristin Weitzel, Pharm.D., CDE  
Assistant Editor and Director of Editorial Projects  
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The next edition of the newsletter will be sent out in January. Please send any pictures or information for the next newsletter to Jenny Ostien by December 15, 2008.

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