

B. Community IPPE Rotations

The Community IPPE is a three-week length rotation at an approved introductory community pharmacy practice site. This rotation will generally be scheduled to occur after the completion of the 1st or 2nd semester of the professional pharmacy curriculum. The rotations are scheduled to occur during the summer months. The course is also assigned three semester-credit hours in the curriculum.

Goals:

- Provide students practical experience in the operation and drug distribution systems of community pharmacy practice
- Enhance students' development of communication skills with patients and health care professionals
- Introduce students to the application of scientific knowledge to the daily practice of pharmacy
- Encourage self-assessment of student learning and formation of life-long learning skills

Objectives - at the end of the rotation the students will be able to:

- Collect accurate and complete medication information from patients
- Calculate patient dosing parameters
- Communicate effectively and efficiently with patients and other health care providers
- Interpret, search, find, and document basic drug information requests
- Demonstrate cultural or contextual communication skills that take into account varying levels of health literacy, cognitive impairment, and other patient-specific factors
- Accurately prepare and dispense basic medications for patients
- Apply appropriate standards of practice to the preparation of safe and effective dosage forms
- Outline the basic operations of the pharmacy
- Participate appropriately in the medication distribution and control systems of the pharmacy
- Utilize appropriate quality control/assurance procedures for improving function within the drug distribution system
- Protect the confidentiality of patient information
- Document pharmacy interventions towards improvements for patient care
- Provide point-of-care and patient-centered services in the practice environment
- Employ appropriate patient physical assessments
- Comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws related to the practice of pharmacy