

Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience Overview

The Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPE) at SWOSU College of Pharmacy will provide the student pharmacist with opportunities to observe the application of knowledge in a variety of pharmacy practice settings and provide opportunities for professional growth.

IPPEs, by their very nature, begin early in the curriculum yet interface readily with didactic and laboratory course work to provide an introduction to the profession of pharmacy.

IPPEs continue progressively in a manner designed to lead to and prepare the student for entry into the advanced pharmacy practice experiences. Students earn both academic credit and State Board of Pharmacy intern hours during their IPPE rotations.

The three major components of this more than 300-hour IPPE program at SWOSU are:

- (1) Integrated IPPE activities that occur as components of several didactic and laboratory courses (60 hours of IPPE experience). Examples of these activities include: physical assessment skills training, patient interview training and performance, patient counseling training and performance, patient physical assessments, health care screenings, patient case preparation and presentations, emergency room rotations and observations, CPR training, to name a few. These activities are primarily associated with courses within the pharmacy practice department course offerings such as the Introduction to Pharmacy course, the Drug Information course, the Foundations in Pharmacy Practice course, and the Pharmaceutical Care 3 Lab course.
- (2) Community IPPE. This three-week course is taken during the summer at the end of the first or second semester of the pharmacy curriculum. Community IPPE provides 120 clock-hours of experience.
- (3) Institutional IPPE. This three-week course is taken during the summer at the end of the third or fourth semester of the pharmacy curriculum. Institutional IPPE provides 120 clock hours of experience.