

Pharmacy Practice Mission Statement

The Pharmacy Practice department's primary responsibility is to contribute to the development of highly competent practitioners through didactic instruction, provision of practice experiences and professional mentoring. The Pharmacy Practice department and the College of Pharmacy will strive to provide students with the skills, knowledge, attitudes, and values necessary to succeed in current practice environments and the ability to contribute to future changes in the delivery of healthcare.

Pharmacy practice faculty and preceptors, serving as role models, will create an environment, which promotes student learning and active participation in the provision of pharmaceutical care. Students are expected to utilize the knowledge and experiences gained throughout their academic career to make professional decisions for the optimal care of patients in a variety of practice settings.

Purpose and Objectives

The goal of the college and the pharmacy practice program is to ensure that graduates have:

- Acquired knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences necessary for the success in the practice of pharmacy and advanced training.
- Developed skills that foster effective communication among pharmacists, patients, and other health care providers.
- Acquired the skills necessary to elicit relevant clinical information, including history taking and objective assessment.
- Performed basic skills necessary for the practice of pharmaceutical care.
- Performed critical analysis of professional literature, using information retrieval resources.
- Provided pharmaceutical care by medication therapy management utilizing evidence-based pharmacotherapy to ensure positive outcomes to improve the patient's quality of life.
- Developed professional and ethical values, including integrity, compassion, responsibility, and commitment to community health and wellness.
- Developed the skills of critical thinking, problem solving, and independent learning.

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