

Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience IPPE

PHP 350, 351, 450, 451

Introduction to Pharmacy Practice

Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience is essential for students entering the professional curriculum to acquire a broad overview of pharmacy and its role and responsibility in health care.

IPPE Course Description

- Students must complete a minimum of 60 hours each semester in P-1 and P-2 years.
- Experience must cover both Community and Hospital settings.
- Requirements may be fulfilled in:
 - Fall and Spring
 - or
 - Summers following P-1 and P-2 yrs
- Students may not attain credit hours working or volunteering for family members.

IPPE Description Cont'd

- Students shall maintain a portfolio beginning with their P-1 year and continuing through P-2, P-3 and P4.
- Portfolios will be reviewed annually by the Coordinator in the month of April.
- Grading is S/U and is developed from a review of the Portfolio, the evaluation by the Preceptor and the Coordinator.

Preparation for IPPE

- All students must have a RI Intern License prior to experiential work. Applications will be provided at the Sophomore Orientation in March or April.
- All students must have completed HIPAA training and provide the Coordinator with documentation. Proof of HIPAA from an employer is acceptable or students may sign up with the Coordinator for an online program that may be completed in 20 minutes.

Required Immunizations

- MMR – 2 dates
- Td – Tetanus /Diphtheria (Within last 10 yrs)
- Varicella (Chicken Pox) Vaccine or + Antibody Test
- Hepatitis B – 3 dates
- PPD - A 2-step PPD is now required by the RI Department of Health and is defined as 2 PPDs in one year. Be aware that specific sites may have different requirements.

Immunizations

- An Immunization Record for each student will be maintained in the Experiential Office, Fogarty Room 144. A copy will be provided to rotation sites as requested.
- Immunizations must be up-to-date to be eligible for rotation.

Preparation Cont'd

- A Biographical Data Sheet must be filled out by P-1 students and turned in to the Coordinator by April 28, 2006.
- The Department of Human Resources at many sites may require other specific forms to be filled out prior to rotations.
- Students may be required to have a background check as well as a drug test.

Preparation Cont'd

- The syllabus and required forms, will be provided at Orientation in March or April. Any additional forms are available from the Web CT site or in Fogarty, Room 144.
- Please review the Syllabus, forms and the E-mail etiquette readings before meeting with the Coordinator. The Biographical Sheet must be filled out and turned in upon this meeting.
- IMPORTANT – Please check your e-mail daily.

FAQ

- Q – How many hours are required for licensure in RI?

A – 1500 hours. Experiential hours (Introductory and Advanced) will total 1440 hours upon graduation. You will need to acquire the additional 60 hours.

- Q – What if I work more than 60 hours a semester?

A – Hours beyond the required 60 may be reported on the “Preceptor Affidavit of Internship Hours” form found in the Intern License Packet. Affidavits are also available in Fogarty, Room 144.

FAQ

- Q – If I am employed by a pharmacy or hospital, may I choose a preceptor at my workplace?
- A – Yes. Have the preceptor fill out the Preceptor Information Sheet and turn in or fax to 874-2717.
- Q – If I am not employed, how do I find an experiential site?
- A – Sophomores will meet with the Coordinator to discuss all options.

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