



EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAMS

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Rotation Description

Location:

The Healthcare Utilization Management Center is located on the ground floor of Fogarty Hall in room 48. Students will work at the Center unless attending scheduled meetings. Meeting schedule varies depending on the projects and needs of our clients.

Site Description Information:

The HUMC rotation is designed to allow professional level 4 students the opportunity to address client specific pharmacy projects and challenges. The HUMC has contracts with various Commercial and Public sector clients that include services from consulting to actual drug distribution. Many of the projects assigned to the students will be team assignments. This format offers the students the opportunity to work in a forum that simulates the environment of a consulting company. The team approach offers the students the opportunity to address issues such as delegation, compromise and negotiation in their efforts to complete each assignment by the specified deadline. Team projects will be graded as a whole and each student's participation will affect the overall grade of the assignment/project.

As consultants to health care clients, it is important for the HUMC staff and its students to be aware of trends and events that are developing in the industry. Students will be expected to review appropriate data sources to gather health care information that will be useful to our clients. Daily discussion will focus on the impact the news item will have on payor's budgets, quality of care and patients outcomes. Students will be required to write a review of one event weekly incorporating the concepts they have learned.

Goals/Objectives:

- 1) Understand the basic concepts of managed care as it applies to the pharmacy sector of healthcare:
 - a. Be familiar with the acronyms used within the pharmacy component of managed care
 - b. The impact of generic introductions, MAC pricing and new product introductions to formulary design and financial projections and budgets

- c. Development of formulary benefits
 - d. Challenges facing agencies dealing with outcomes utilizing the data sources available today.
- 2) As part of the health care team, we are called upon to address questions by patients and other health professionals on pharmacy and pharmaceutical care. It is important that we develop skills that allow us to assist others with the knowledge we have gained through our education. The HUMC rotation writing assignments will require the students to write documents that educate clients, who are not pharmacists, on the impacts of current events, new product introduction or informational pieces for their staff.
 - 3) To evaluate the cost benefit of the implementation of managed care tools on the pharmacy benefit. Provide analysis for clients that assist them in making informed decisions on product selection and placement on formularies.

Assignments and Projects and/or required activities:

1. Weekly submission of one health care topic and the student's understanding and prediction of its impact on pharmacy (**one page; double spaced** – papers longer than 1 page double spaced will have points deducted)
2. Weekly Journal Club Presentation with the Drug Information Students
3. Projects assigned at the beginning of the rotation as determined by the needs of our clients.

Hours of service:

Daily schedule: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Students are expected to arrive at the HUMC on time. Repeated late arrivals will result in a reduction of the professionalism portion of your grade. All absences need the approval of Dean Lausier or Instructor. Unexcused absences will result in a reduction of the professionalism portion of your grade.

Name of person who students should contact prior to start of rotation:

Contact Rita Marcoux, MBA, R.Ph. by email Marcoux@uri.edu

Site restrictions (Examples body piercing, artificial nails):

Students are expected to be dressed in business casual attire.