

PHP 594 Pharmacoepidemiology Track: Healthcare Utilization Management Center (HUMC) Rotation

Description:

This advanced practice experience is designed to expose the Pharm.D. candidate to the practice of pharmacy in managed care and healthcare consulting settings. The rotation is based at the Healthcare Utilization Management Center (HUMC) in Fogarty Hall. Students increase their understanding of the roles and perspectives of various stakeholders to pharmacy benefit management through involvement in projects for HUMC clients. Current clients include managed care organizations (MCOs), pharmacy benefit management (PBMs) companies, government agencies and employer groups. On a daily basis students are assigned tasks based on the needs of these organizations. Project typically include formulary development assistance, clinical reviews, guideline development, utilization management support, pharmacy and therapeutics (P&T) committee support, evaluation of PBM services for MCOs, data collection, case management and drug information services. Many projects involve internet searches, systematic literature reviews, as well as, direct client contact. Multiday site visits to HUMC clients allow students the opportunity to experience the administrative and operational functions and to interact with pharmacists and other professionals practicing in managed care arenas.