

Rutgers University School of Pharmacy  
Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Program

Brief Description for  
Hospital Pharmacy Experience

During the first few days of the rotation, the student should be oriented to the hospital, the pharmacy, and pertinent policies and procedures. During the remainder of the five week rotation, it is expected that the student will be exposed to all the important aspects of contemporary hospital pharmacy practice by working with and under the direction of a registered pharmacist preceptor and other pharmacy personnel.

The preceptor should evaluate the student's past experience in the area of hospital pharmacy and establish goals for the rotation which complement and build on the student's experience and future plans. Some of the general areas outlined in the objectives follow:

- I.       **Drug Distribution**  
Receiving and interpreting orders for completeness, accuracy, legal requirements, patient safety, and incompatibilities.
- II.       **Consultation with Health Care Providers**  
Exercising judgment concerning the information conveyed, verifying the authenticity or clarifying the medication order, answering questions, locating possible interventions using the patient profile and communicating concerns in a tactful manner.
- III.       **Preparation of the Drug Order**  
Selecting the correct product and dosage form, complying with the institution's formulary, generic or therapeutic substitution policies, and other procedures, correctly preparing any extemporaneously compounded product, correctly packaging, labeling and dispensing the preparation.
- IV.       **Preparation of IV Admixtures**  
Interpreting orders and checking for accuracy, legality, safety and incompatibilities, correctly preparing various forms of admixtures, properly packaging, labeling and dispensing the preparation.
- V.        **Monitoring Utilization**  
Inspection of drug storage, administration, and documentation of orders in patient care areas, interpreting medication histories, patient records, medication profiles, and other records to insure the patient is receiving the appropriate therapy. Participation in regular quality assurance procedure including drug utilization evaluation studies.
- VI.       **Managerial Procedures and Committees**  
Gaining an appreciation of pharmacy policies and basic managerial philosophies, understanding the functions, responsibilities, and composition of the P&T Committee and other multidisciplinary committees within the institution.
- VII.       **Drug Information**  
Interacting with pharmacists and other providers in an appropriate and professional manner, becoming familiar and proficient in the use of information sources and participating, if possible, in inservice or other educational programs for pharmacists or other health professionals.

At the end of the experience, the preceptor will complete the evaluation document provided. The student will also complete an evaluation of the rotation to provide feedback to the pharmacist preceptor and documentation for the School. If any questions arise during the rotation, the pharmacist preceptor should contact Prof. Donna M. Feudo at 732-445-5215 x401.