

KNIGHT ScholaRx Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GENERAL

- 1. What is the KNIGHT ScholaRx Program?** This experiential program, originally created by Capital Health in cooperation with the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, is intended to provide motivated P4 students with a diversified block of advanced pharmacy practice experiences (APPE) in a single health-system. The program is also designed to create a network of students, preceptors, and health-systems who can share innovative practices in pharmacy practice, research, and scholarship. Upon completion of the program, the student will have gained:
 - a. Knowledge and skills necessary to function as an active contributor to patient care as a member of the healthcare team.
 - b. Experience that will prepare him/her for life in a postgraduate training program
- 2. What APPEs are available for KNIGHT ScholaRx students?** The KNIGHT ScholaRx Program composes of four consecutive five-week APPEs within each site. The rotations include Hospital Pharmacy Practice and a combination of three clinically-oriented rotations.
- 3. How many students can participate?** The total number of KNIGHT ScholaRx positions is limited by rotation availability and available resources.
- 4. Who is eligible to participate?** This program is offered to P3 students who will begin their experiential education program in May .
- 5. Is there a minimum GPA required to participate in the KNIGHT ScholaRx program?** Students must have a GPA greater than or equal to 3.0 to apply.
- 6. How does the match work?** To ensure fairness and equanimity, students will rank in order of preference, the KNIGHT ScholaRx site in which they wish to participate. If the number of students who rank a particular site exceeds the number of open slots, the student will move into his/her next ranked site. Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy faculty and site preceptors will review the above documents to select the most appropriate students for their site. They will then be entered in a blinded computer generated, match in order to ensure fairness.
- 7. Is there an opportunity to apply to the KNIGHT ScholaRx program once you've started your APPEs?** The KNIGHT ScholaRx selection process takes place during the early Fall semester of the P3 year. Students are not accepted at a later time.
- 8. Does participating in the KNIGHT ScholaRx limit my rotation choices?** The KNIGHT ScholaRx program has established requirements regarding the number of APPEs. All students, though, will have the opportunity to request electives to make their P4 experience well-rounded and tailored to their interests.

9. **Other than a research project, what other requirements are part of the KNIGHT ScholaRx program?** In addition to the development and completion of a research project suitable for presentation and/or publication, KNIGHT ScholaRx students are required to plan and implement a service project to be completed in collaboration with the other KNIGHT ScholaRx students at the site.
10. **Is it possible to complete a research project and/or present a poster at Midyear without participating in the KNIGHT ScholaRx program?** Pharmacy faculty and preceptors try to accommodate research requests from students not participating in the KNIGHT ScholaRx program depending upon available resources. Any student completing a research project, regardless of professional year, can choose to submit an abstract to ASHP for consideration for poster presentation at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting.
11. **How are research projects chosen for KNIGHT ScholaRx students?** Pharmacy faculty collaborate with practice sites to develop a list of research project ideas. The specific selection process may differ amongst the sites. Students often have the opportunity to rank their top choices from the list and/or discuss their clinical and/or practice interests with site faculty to assist in project selection.
12. **Do most/all KNIGHT ScholaRx students present a poster at Midyear?** Presenting a poster at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting is *encouraged*, however a KNIGHT ScholaRx student may choose to submit an abstract for presentation at another professional meeting if approved by their research mentor.
13. **What additional costs will students be responsible for if they participate in the KNIGHT ScholaRx program?** There are costs related to the requirement of presenting a poster at a professional meeting including all printing and travel-related expenses.
14. **Is it imperative that I get into the KNIGHT ScholaRx if my plans include doing a residency after graduation?** Many students make the decision NOT to apply to the KNIGHT ScholaRx program, receive an outstanding education during their P4 practice experiences, and go on to do a residency or other postgraduate training.
15. **I'm not interested in doing a residency, but the KNIGHT ScholaRx program offers advanced opportunities that I am interested in. May I apply?** While the KNIGHT ScholaRx program is designed for students who are interested in pursuing postgraduate training, we encourage all students to apply who are interested in completing additional requirements in an honors-like program.

ROTATION SCHEDULING

1. **Do I need to input my Knight Scholar preferences in Core ELMS for Cycles 1 – 5?**
No. Only input an OFF cycle or non-Knight Scholar rotation request, if applicable. We will put you into each Knight Scholar cycle "by hand."
2. **Can I complete a non-Knight Scholar rotation during Cycles 1-5 if I don't take an OFF cycle?**
Yes. Preferably, we'd like you to complete it before or after the four Knight Scholar rotations for continuity.

3. Can I do a government (FDA or IHS) rotation during Cycles 1-5?

Yes. However, we'd prefer you complete it before or after the four Knight Scholar rotations. Nonetheless, if that's not possible, we will do our best to honor your request if selected for one of the government rotations.

4. Do I have to do a hospital APPE during Cycle 4 or 5?

Yes. It is a requirement of the Knight Scholar program that you complete your hospital APPE at the site. Also, this makes room for the IPPE students during the summer.

5. Can I use Dr. Jimenez (for example) as my faculty elective and use another rotation to fulfill my Am Care or elective rotation?

Yes. As long as you schedule a faculty member for the required Internal Med and Critical Care faculty spots, you can choose any other faculty member, regardless of specialty.

6. Can I choose a preceptor/rotation that is "blacked out?"

No. Preceptors have no availability during these rotations.

7. If I choose two "clinical other" rotations, can one of them be used as my "elective?"

Yes.