

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Experiential Education Program

Program Description

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), founded in 1942, is the 36,000 member national professional association that represents pharmacists who practice in hospitals, managed care organizations, long-term care facilities, home care, and other components of health systems. ASHP believes that the mission of pharmacists is to help people make the best use of medications. Assisting pharmacists in fulfilling this mission is ASHP's primary objective.

ASHP offers a competitive advanced pharmacy practice experience (APPE) elective rotation in national association management to students pursuing a doctor of pharmacy degree. The program is designed to provide experience in such areas as:

- Association activities and operations
- Professional and public affairs
- Publications and drug information
- Student affairs
- Membership
- Marketing
- Governmental affairs
- Quality Improvement

The rotation schedule is designed to be four to six weeks in duration. Rotations are offered throughout the year. The rotation is intended to be an elective feature of a college of pharmacy's curriculum-based experiential program. Requests to participate must be coordinated through the experiential program staff of the school or college as an affiliation agreement must be in place before a student can be accepted into the program.

Members of ASHP staff serve as preceptors within their areas of expertise. The student is responsible for transportation, housing, and all other expenses association with the rotation. ASHP does not provide a stipend or salary with the rotation.

Selection of a student for participation is based on evaluation of the application materials submitted. ASHP reserves the right to refuse, with sufficient notice, the request of any student to participate in the rotation in the event of significant organizational scheduling conflicts which would interfere with the quality of the student's rotation experience.

Students interested in the ASHP Experiential Education should be enrolled in a full-time ACPE-accredited doctor of pharmacy program, be in good academic standing, and have an active membership with ASHP. The applicant shall have demonstrated involvement in professional programs and organizational activities. The applicant must be self-motivated and have exceptional written and verbal communication skills.

Educational Objectives

Upon completing the program, the extern will:

1. Understand the mission, goals and objectives, organizational structure, operations and programs of ASHP in serving its membership;
2. Gain a broader perspective of the issues that impact and affect the mission and vision of the pharmacy profession;
3. Articulate the importance of pharmacy associations to the profession and the value of participation in local, state, and national pharmacy organizations;
4. Define the full range of association activities (e.g. publications, governmental affairs, educational services, and professional activities);
5. Enhance skills in leadership, critical analysis, public policy, verbal and written communication, networking, and information gathering, evaluation, and analysis for use in specific organizational areas.

Pharmacy school faculty responsible for experiential programs who desire additional information should contact:

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