

# STATE AFFILIATE MENTOR PROGRAM

University of Kansas School of Pharmacy

## WHAT WE DID

### Objective:

To create a mentor-mentee for pharmacy students which pairs them with a health-system pharmacist from around the state to provide guidance and share insight about residency, different career paths, and leadership while on their journey of becoming a pharmacist.

### Plan:

SSHP student members at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy were matched with a health-system pharmacist from around the state of Kansas. This program was in collaboration with the Kansas ASHP State Affiliate, the Kansas Council of Health System Pharmacy (KCHP). Students were asked to provide areas of interest, career goals, residency interest, and what the student hoped to get out of the program. The program required the mentor and mentee to meet in person at least one time during the program year. To ensure the encounter is beneficial, the student must prepare 4-5 talking points they would like to discuss with their mentor. The professional obligation between the mentor and mentee is for one program year; however, the pharmacist and student may continue the relationship if agreed upon mutually. Otherwise, the pharmacist and student will need to apply again at the beginning of the next program year. The University of Kansas SSHP organized a social event in collaboration with KCHP where mentors and mentees could meet and discuss goals for the year.

### Result:

Thirty-three mentor-mentee pairs participated in the mentor program this year. Results from the previous year include positive feedback about guidance and advice surrounding APPE rotations, residency, projects and presentations, reviewing CVs and resumes, and future career goals. A quality improvement survey will be given throughout the year to continue to improve the program.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Seek out interested health-system pharmacists in your area.
- Advertise to SSHP pharmacy students about the benefits of program
- Establish program requirements
- Match students and local health-system pharmacists according to interests
- Organize one social event in collaboration with state affiliate
- Set up survey or event to receive feedback on the program for improvement in future years

## RESOURCES

ASHP State Affiliate Directory:  
[www.ashp.org/State-Affiliates/State-Affiliate-Directory](http://www.ashp.org/State-Affiliates/State-Affiliate-Directory)

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