



Reach Your Pinnacle: Let's Get Clinical!

Exposing Students to Clinical Specialties and Local Pharmacists

University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Objective:

The objective of our project was to give students an opportunity to learn about pharmacy specialties from both pharmacists and residents to give insight on career paths and how to achieve them.

Plan:

A survey was sent out to the UBSPPS SSHP students to gather information on what specialties they were interested in learning about as well as specialties they feel they do not get proper exposure to during the course of their education. The president elect reached out to local clinical pharmacists as well as PGY2 residents in these specialties to ask them to come give a presentation about what they do on a daily basis at their job, how they decided their career goal, the steps they took to get there as well as a question and answer session afterwards. The schedule of presenters was established at the beginning of the semester and all students were welcome to attend. UBSPPS SSHP presented the schedule to the experiential education office so first year pharmacy students were able to receive IPPE credit for their attendance. All the presenters were sent personal thank you notes for the time they donated to the program.

Outcome:

We were able to bring in eight presenters over the spring semester to present about their clinical positions in oncology, psychology, community, transplant, infectious diseases, HIV/AIDs, pediatrics and cardiology. Overall we reached over 200 students during the course of the program who were excited to see a side of the profession outside of a class or experiential rotation. Networking allowed interested students to shadow some of the presenters and their coworkers.

What You Can Do:

- Establish a need and interest from your SSHP members in different clinical pharmacy specialties
- Reach out to local clinical pharmacists and PGY2 residents
- Create a schedule
- Present the schedule to the experiential office for potential IPPE credit
- Advertise the schedule for interested students
- Encourage interested students to create networking opportunities with presenters
- Thank the presenters for the time and enthusiasm

Resources to help you:

- <http://www.ashp.org/menu/MemberCenter/SectionsForums/PSF/StudentSocieties/Tools/Advocacy>
- Your state's Health System's Pharmacist page

Questions? Contact University at Buffalo's SSHP at sshp@buffalo.edu