ISU offers joint Pharm.D./M.B.A. degree

Careers available to Idaho State University students with the Pharm.D. degree include a wide range of professional settings. These include retail, hospital, long-term healthcare, pharmaceutical industry and managed care organizations, among others. Positions available within these organizations include directors of pharmacy, associate directors of pharmacy, assistant directors of pharmacy, district or field supervisors, pharmacy managers and owners. Responsibilities of these positions often involve personnel management and the challenges of providing optimal pharmaceutical care with limited financial resources, and the accountability for producing profits like other business corporations.

Since these responsibilities are more than clinical in nature, Idaho State University offers the value of a Joint Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Business Administration Degree in cooperation with the College of Business and the College of Pharmacy.

Students enrolled in the Pharm.D. program may earn an M.B.A. degree with approximately one summer and one year of additional course work. Student applicants may be admitted to the M.B.A. program at the end of the second professional year of the Pharm.D. curriculum.

Currently, ISU College of Pharmacy has three students who have applied for, and been accepted to the program.

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Professor from University of Ibadan in Nigeria visits College of Pharmacy

Dr. Ajibola A. Olaniyi, professor in the department of pharmaceutical chemistry, Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Ibadan in Nigeria, is visiting the ISU College of Pharmacy for about three months. He will present lectures and seminars and participate in research activities in the laboratory of Dr. Adeboye Adejare, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences.

While at ISU, Olaniyi will assist Adejare’s laboratory research group in the study of compounds to halt neurodegeneration. Neurodegeneration is a process that could lead to malfunctioning or even death of neurons and could have severe consequences as often observed after a stroke and in Alzheimer’s disease. The project is funded in part by the National Institutes of Health.

Both professors say the collaboration may someday lead to a student exchange program between ISU and the University of Ibadan for pharmacy and other students.

“At the university level, he could be a link for people who want to go to a university in Africa, especially Nigeria,” Adejare said.

Olaniyi also is interested in learning more about the ISU College of Pharmacy’s
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Awarding of the M.B.A in this joint program requires successful completion of the Pharm.D. degree.

College of Pharmacy alumnus William J. Eames, ’57, founder of Bill’s Drug Stores, has endorsed the joint Pharm.D./M.B.A. program.

Bill’s Drug Stores was the 47th largest drug store chain in the U.S., which includes 24 stores and employed 550 people.

“Pharmacy has changed from the independent corner drugstore into multiple locations where prescriptions are filled:

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He continued his postdoctoral education at the University of Uppsala in Sweden. A published author of several pharmaceutical books, Olaniyi also has received many awards including the Commonwealth Universities Fellowship, Rockefeller Fellowship, Japan Health Sciences Foundation Fellowship, and Nagai Foundation Research Award.

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Visiting professor...

Pharm.D. curriculum as a model as the University of Ibadan considers developing such a program.

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Tickets available for ISU vs. BSU Sept. 6 game

All College of Pharmacy alumni and friends are invited to the “Go Bengals” tailgate party prior to kickoff of the ISU versus BSU football game in Boise on September 6.

Come and help us support the Bengals at our pre-game bash at Chili’s Restaurant, across from the stadium on Broadway Ave. at 3p.m.

The College of Pharmacy also is reserving a blocked section of seats for the game. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets for the Pharmacy Alumni and friends section, please call Tressa Rockwood at 208-282-3655.