# Introductory Pharmacy Practice Course Outline

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| P-1 Year | During the first professional year, student pharmacists perform 200 hours of traditional pharmacy practice to provide them with a basic introduction to pharmacy practice.  
  • Experiences include, but are not limited to, receiving, verification and processing prescriptions, compounding, patient education, patient interaction, drug selection, interpreting telephone and written orders, ordering, inventory control, third-party reimbursement, pricing, pharmacy law, patient counseling, providing non-prescription drug information and all other aspects of community, retail and hospital pharmacy practice.  
  • The overall goals of the externship are to provide the student with a fundamental understanding and appreciation of pharmacy practice, which is the beginning of a continuum of experiences which become more advanced with each academic year. |
| P-2 Year | Second-year professional students are required to complete 20 hours of IPPE experience in pharmacy-related service or volunteer activities, under the guidance of pharmacy faculty, which is the next step in an escalating continuum of experiences.  
Second-Year professional students are also required to complete 20 hours of IPPE credit in strictly patient-centered care activities (shadowing pharmacy practice faculty).  
  • Examples of pharmacy service or volunteer activities are: health fairs, diabetes fairs, brown bag programs, immunization clinics, meth awareness presentations, Alzheimer’s screening, poison prevention presentations, patient counseling, heart burn awareness, meningitis presentations, drug information, anticoagulation clinics, hypertension clinics.  
  • Examples would be shadowing a clinical pharmacy faculty member or adjunct clinical faculty preceptor as they function in their different clinical practice sites such as ambulatory care, family medicine, institutional, anticoagulation, pediatrics, geriatrics, psychiatric and HIV care clinics. |
| P-3 Year | Third-year professional students are required to complete 20 hours of IPPE experience in pharmacy-related service or volunteer activities, under the guidance of pharmacy faculty, which is the next step in an escalating continuum of experiences.  
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