Orientation to Pharmacy?

This two credit course provides participants with an overview of the pharmacy profession.

Phar 1001 provides information on:
- the need for pharmacists
- the future of pharmacy
- opportunities within various pharmacy work settings
- the pharmacy educational process
- the impact of pharmacists within healthcare and the community
- challenges within the profession
- important pharmacy-related current events

Will I Learn?

This course is divided into three major sections. We begin by discussing pharmaceutical care (a process for caring for patients and the future of our profession) and workforce needs.

Next, we introduce a variety of settings that employ pharmacists, such as chain, independent, hospital, long-term care, nuclear, home infusion, and compounding. Virtual tours of some settings are available online, so you can get a feel for the various physical environments, even if you’ve never seen them before!

Finally, a small section of the course is dedicated to health care issues as they relate to pharmacy, introducing topics such as drug pricing. We conclude with information on pharmacy education, including the Doctor of Pharmacy degree program, and advance training options, such as residencies, fellowships, and graduate school.

For more information on these courses, as well as the other online courses we offer, please visit:

http://courses.pharmacy.umn.edu

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Phar 1001
ORIENTATION TO PHARMACY

WHAT DO STUDENTS SAY?

“Before taking this course, I did not know that a pharmacist can work in so many different places. This course gave me good insight on how pharmacy really is.”

“This was a great class to learn about the profession. Now I know I want to go into pharmacy.”

“I learned so much. There were a few things about the field I wasn’t sure about, but every single question I had can be answered through this class.”

Quotations taken from course evaluations.

WHO SHOULD Take this Course?

Anyone with an interest in the pharmacy profession.

Previous students have told us that they took the course because they were:

- curious about the profession
- debating whether to apply for pharmacy school
- already admitted and looking for an overview of the profession
- considering another profession (e.g. Pre-Medicine, Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Dentistry)
- thinking they would interact with pharmacists in their future careers (e.g. chemistry, biology, biochemistry, biomedical engineering, public health, nursing)

HOW Is the Course Structured?

Phar 1001: Orientation to Pharmacy has no textbook. Instead, all the required materials can be found online, in the course WebVista site. You’ll also find short presentations with audio narration, virtual tours, practitioner and student networks, a glossary, and handouts.

Orientation to Pharmacy is entirely online, but you are required to meet three assignment deadlines throughout the semester. You are not required to meet on campus at any point, which means you can work on the class materials on your own schedule in your own home! Assignments are designed to develop an understanding of the impact pharmacy has on healthcare and the community, the challenges facing the profession, and important pharmacy-related current events.

TELL ME More!

- Offered every semester: Fall, Spring, and Summer
- Participate from University of Minnesota: Twin Cities, Duluth, Crookston, Morris, or Rochester campuses
- Access learning materials 24/7
- Listen to online presentations and take “virtual tours” of pharmacy settings

HOW Do I Register?

Twin Cities and Rochester Students
Find the answers to your questions at: http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/registration.html

Duluth Students
Find the answers to your questions at: http://www.d.umn.edu/register

Other U of M Students
Please download and complete the “Application for Attending another University of Minnesota campus as a Multi-Institutional Student,” located at: http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/img/assets/9061/otr031.pdf

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