

SSPPS Office of Experiential Education Preceptor News

Progress Notes and Updates from Renu Singh, Assistant Dean for Experiential Education



STUDENT UPDATES: On September 27 we welcomed our 62 new P1 students at the White Coat Ceremony at the SSPPS. This event is an important ritual for students to officially welcome them to our profession of Pharmacy. While the white coat may hold special individual symbolism for each student, the ceremony signified the beginning of their journey as pharmacists-in training.

IPPEs: Summer Health-System and Community IPPEs were completed for our P2 and P3 classes. We appreciate all preceptors and site directors who offered IPPE opportunities for our students, whether as a block or longitudinally. Students shared how much they learned from each of you during their IPPEs, and appreciated being involved in community and hospital settings.

APPEs: Many of our students will be gearing up to apply for **residencies and fellowships** by the end of the year. You may be asked to write a letter of recommendation for a student. If you feel that you cannot provide a strong letter of recommendation to a student, we would recommend declining the request. Students are encouraged to seek letters of recommendations from preceptors, supervisors, or faculty who can attest to the strength of their clinical skills, maturity and professionalism. Students may also **request time off** from your rotation to attend interviews during Jan/Feb. Preceptor approval must be secured well in advance if a student requests to attend interviews on a scheduled rotation day. Our school encourages APPE students to attend interviews for residencies, fellowships, and other career paths, in addition to attending professional meetings (e.g. CSHP Seminar, ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting). However, it is the responsibility of the student to organize these dates in ways to minimize the impact on their educational experiences and work with their preceptor(s) when planning/scheduling professional meetings, post-graduate education and employment interview dates. It is at the discretion of each individual preceptor to approve requests and decide if the absent time needs to be made up. Since our school exceeds the APPE hour requirements of ACPE by six weeks, we find that allowing students the flexibility to attend these interviews/meetings, without necessarily requiring additional make-up time/assignments, contributes to their professional growth and reduces student stress. See link to our **Experiential Education Attendance and Absence Guidelines** at the end of this newsletter for your reference.

PRECEPTOR DEVELOPMENT AND NEWS:

1) Our next **Preceptor Advisory Forum** will be held **via Zoom, on Thursday, November 7 from 12:00- 12:45 pm**. You will have received a HOLD THE DATE email from Pam McGlynn a few weeks ago. Our OEE and SSPPS APPE and IPPE Course Committee (SAICC) members have been working on new revisions of our APPE syllabi and we would like to obtain your feedback, as well as share a draft of our new Experiential Education Manual for students and preceptors. An RSVP to attend was emailed to all preceptors in early October. If you wish to attend please RSVP through the following link before Wednesday, October 30th: https://ucsd.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eVfqJpDaEuESxIH

We hope that you will be able to call in and share your ideas and feedback on these items. We value your input!

2) **APPE Rotation Fair:** Our APPE Rotation Fair will be held on **January 14 from 4:00-6:00 pm** at the school. Please RSVP to Jayne Laity via the Qualtrics form **by December 6** if you will be able attend and be available to discuss your APPE rotation offering(s) for 2020-2021 with our P3 students. Details are included on page 3 of this newsletter.

Thank you for partnering with our school's Office of Experiential Education to educate the next generation of pharmacists.



Preceptor Spotlight: Janice Kerr, PharmD

Clinical Pharmacist Specialist, UC San Diego Health: Abdominal Transplant

Training: Pharm D, UC San Francisco and PGY1 Acute Care residency at UC San Diego Health System

Specialty: Ambulatory Care, primarily in liver and kidney transplant clinics, also in transplant infectious disease clinics

Clinical Interests: Abdominal transplant, infectious diseases, and diabetes

Recipient: APPE Ambulatory Care OEE Preceptor Excellence Award, 2019

SSPPS: *What inspired you to become a preceptor, and how long have you been precepting?*

Janice: As a student and resident, I was lucky enough to have preceptors that were excellent role models. These preceptors showed me the impact that a clinical pharmacist can make on patient care, and showed me how to practice at the top of my license. They have made a huge impact on my career trajectory. Many of these preceptors are now my good friends and mentors. I have been precepting students and residents for over 12 years.

SSPPS: *What is the most satisfying aspect of precepting students?*

Janice: Watching them grow into their role as a clinician and helping them achieve their fullest potential.

SSPPS: *What challenges do you see as a preceptor for pharmacy students?*

Janice: Students often struggle with confidence, independence, and autonomy. They are often only accustomed to shadowing or observing the preceptor. I believe that a tremendous amount of growth occurs when they student takes the role of the team pharmacist. I practice this early on with my students (in a supervised setting of course) and I have consistently received positive feedback from them regarding this strategy.

SSPPS Policies and Guidelines

Many of our policies and guidelines have been updated. All experiential education related documents are located in this section of the SSPPS website: <https://pharmacy.ucsd.edu/current/policies-guidelines> Topics relevant to preceptors include Guidelines for Experiential Education Absence and Attendance, Students in Distress, Guidelines on Evaluation of Professionalism, and Procedures Following Occupational Exposure.

2019/2020 Requests for IPPE and APPE Availability

2019/2020 Requests for IPPE and APPE Availability Requests for availability have been sent out for next summer's IPPEs and 2019-2020 APPEs. Please be sure to provide your availability to the Office of Experiential Education (Jayne Laity jlaity@ucsd.edu for APPEs and Pam McGlynn pmcglynn@ucsd.edu for IPPEs). If you did not receive an email request for availability and would like to host IPPE and/or APPE students in the upcoming year, please contact Jayne or Pam at the email addresses above or complete your availability through one of the following links:

- [APPE Experiential Rotation Availability 2020-2021](#)
- [IPPE Experiential Rotation Availability Summer 2020](#)

Promotions and Appointments

- Julie Park, PharmD has been promoted to Vice President of National Pharmacy Services for Prospect Medical Group
- Albert Rizos, PharmD, BCPS has been promoted to System Manager of the Pharmacy Experiential Program overseeing students, residents, and their research

Honors and Awards

- Joshua Valdez, PharmD completed a PGY-1 Community-Based Pharmacy Residency for Kaiser Permanente San Diego, and accepted an offer as Outpatient Pharmacy Supervisor for Kaiser Permanente Bonita Outpatient Pharmacy. He is currently also studying for BCPS and working toward an APH credential
- Jason Bailly, PharmD has successfully achieved the Certified Specialty Pharmacist Credential through the National Association of Specialty Pharmacy
- Therese Clark was nominated "Site Coordinator of the Year for 2018-2019" by KGI school of pharmacy for her dedicated work placing their students at SHC

APPE Rotation Fair

The Office of Experiential Education would like to invite you to our 12th annual **APPE Rotation Fair** for the class of 2021 on **January 14 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm**. The event provides our third year students with information regarding APPE rotation opportunities available in their final year, and enables sites to showcase their rotation experience(s) and make a connection with students. We encourage you to bring materials such as copies of rotation descriptions, goals and objectives, and any other information you think would be helpful or engaging to students. One classroom table and sufficient chairs are provided for each site, and encouraged resources (but not required) include tablecloths with logos, banners or posters, creative and interactive pharmacy or organizational display items.

Response deadline is **December 6, 2020**. Sites are invited to register via the following form: [APPE Rotation Fair Attendance](#)

SSPPS Preceptors: Do You Have an Appointment with us?

Benefits of an Appointment:

- Physical and VPN access to the UC San Diego [library system](#)
- Utilize the UC San Diego [shuttle bus service](#) (shuttles serve campus, UC San Diego medical centers and key points off campus)
- May be eligible for reimbursement for poster presentations and/or meeting registration
- Eligible to attend SSPPS Preceptor Development Programs, with CAPE credit
- For more information visit our Experiential Education website at:
<https://pharmacy.ucsd.edu/faculty/experiential-education-preceptors>

Revisiting the Experiential Education Absence Policy

Attending professional pharmacy meetings and residency/fellowship interviews is an important component of professional and career development for student pharmacists. Preceptors are encouraged to allow APPE students to attend professional meetings and interviews required for postgraduate applications. It is the responsibility of the student to organize these dates in ways to minimize the impact on their educational experiences. Students are expected to work with their preceptors when planning/scheduling interview dates. The Experiential Education Attendance and Absence Guidelines for the SSPPS may be viewed at this link:

https://pharmacy.ucsd.edu/sites/pharmacy.ucsd.edu/files/Experiential%20Education%20Attendance%20and%20Absence%20Guidelines_0.pdf

Links	Questions? Comments? Ideas?
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