PHAR 6799 Being a Pharmacist  
Spring 2018 Syllabus

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Location and Time:
Friday, March 23rd, 2018  
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Overview of the Course

Course Content
The Pharm.D. curriculum at the University of Minnesota is anchored by the basic, clinical, and social sciences relevant to the practice of pharmacy. This course serves as a culmination of academic and intellectual expression of the basic, clinical, and social pharmaceutical sciences and connects them to pharmacy practice. Future growth in knowledge and skill of our graduates/practitioners will predominately occur through collegial exchange and conference-based learning environments. Being a Pharmacist will model how our students will continue to grow in knowledge and skill as they enter practice. In this course, students will be encouraged to think critically, reflect, and apply their skills.

Course Format
The format of this course is a one-day professional meeting, comprising of a morning session, a keynote speaker, and an afternoon session of workshops.

Prerequisites
Successful completion of all courses in the PharmD curriculum, with the exception of the final two APPE rotations.

Course Goals and Objectives
The overall purpose of this course is to present new learning opportunities for students as they conclude their pharmacy education experience, in a professionally authentic environment.
There will be information about the Board of Pharmacy licensure process, board exams and you will have an opportunity to talk with career advisors to help you with post-graduation career decisions. It is an opportunity to hear about experiences your classmates have had on rotations and to reflect on how they may impact you in your professional growth. A reception will follow so you will have the opportunity to catch up with friends you may not have seen for several months.

Please note the requirement that you bring and present a case that has left an impression on you and will influence your practice in the future.

At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to:

- Combine knowledge and skills gained from previous coursework, including APPE experiences, to articulate complex pharmaceutical issues and develop appropriate solutions and therapies.
- Critically analyze patient cases from a variety of disciplinary perspectives to arrive at appropriate drug therapy solutions.
- Explore cutting-edge concepts related to the foundational sciences and practice of pharmaceutical care, and articulate how those concepts may affect pharmacy practice in the future.
- Develop a self-directed learning plan to prepare for the pharmacy board exam.

**Computer/Technology Requirements**

- An internet-enabled device is required at the live session.
- Moodle: This course will use Moodle to distribute learning materials and host activities.
- E-Mail: Course instructors will communicate through email about course administrative issues. You should check your U of M email daily.

**Course Policies**

**Attendance Policy**
This will be a required in-person experience for all students located closer than 2.5 hours driving distance from the Braham Community Center. Exceptions to required attendance will be granted for students who are at rotations more than a 2 ½ hour drive from the Braham Community Center. If you are in that category, you will be notified via email and arrangements will be made for you to do an online make-up. You are welcome to attend even if you are more than 2 ½ hours away. In that case, please notify Dr. Speedie if you will attend in person. If you do not attend the event, you must attend your rotation that day and make up the course at another time.

**Classroom Etiquette Statement**
Your professional community starts here at the College of Pharmacy with your peers, faculty, preceptors, staff and administration. It is our expectation that you will exhibit professional behavior towards other students and to faculty in the classroom at all times.

**Statement on Penalties for Late Work**
Late work will not be accepted without consultation and consent of the course directors.

**Grading Information**
This course is graded Pass/Fail. Attendance (in person or via distance learning) and successful completion of all activities will result in a passing grade.

**University of Minnesota and College of Pharmacy Policy Reference** (Centralized Syllabus)
[This page includes all required UMN and CoP policies, e.g., Academic Freedom; Copyright; Course Evaluations; Disability Accommodations; FERPA, etc.]


**Live Session Schedule**

**Tentative agenda**

9:00-10:00  Check-in; Pre-conference gathering; 4th year photos; receive Becoming a Pharmacist letter from 2014.

Coffee and bagels served.

10:00 -11:00  Keynote Speaker – Susan Brower, Minnesota State Demographer, “title to be announced”

11:00-12:00  Integrating APPE Experiences – Case Discussions in small groups

**PLEASE BE PREPARED TO SHARE A CASE** (appropriately de-identified, of course) – think about and share with a small group an experience you have had on rotations that left an indelible impression and that will influence how you practice in the future.

12:00-1:15  Lunch, Licensure and NAPLEX/MPJE discussion with Board of Pharmacy (Dr. Cody Wiberg) and Dr. Caroline Gaither

1:15  Break

1:30 – 2:20  Presentation #1: “ Concepts in Male Contraception”

Gunda I. Georg, PhD
Professor and Head Department of Medicinal Chemistry
Director, Institute of Therapeutics Discovery and Development
McKnight Presidential Chair
University of Minnesota

2:20-2:30  Break

2:30-3:30  Workshop #2: "Being a Pharmacist, How do you want to practice?, Who will decide?"

Laura Schwartzwald, Pharm.D.
Guidepoint Pharmacy
Brainerd, Minnesota
AND
Brent Thompson, Pharm D
Director of Pharmacy
FirstLight Health System
Mora, MN

3:30  Adjourn

4:00-5:00  Networking Reception sponsored by MPhA/MSHP/MCCP; Also, opportunities will be provided to consult with MSHP about residency placement and career advisors from the college.