

# SSPPS Office of Experiential Education *Preceptor News*

## Preceptor Spotlight: Jennifer Floyd, PharmD, BCPS

**Clinical Pharmacy Education Specialist, PGY1 Residency Director, Palomar Health Training : PharmD from the University of the Pacific School of Pharmacy  
Residency : PGY1 general residency and PGY2 in Infectious Diseases at VA San Diego**



*SSPPS: How do you benefit from precepting pharmacy students?*

Jennifer: Precepting students is personally very rewarding in many ways. Students keep me updated on my knowledge and they offer me new ideas and a fresh perspective. I also get satisfaction from being able to make a positive difference in students' lives. In addition to being a preceptor, I am also the site coordinator and I orient and connect with every student that comes to Palomar Health. I am happy when I see my students move on and achieve their goals. In addition, students benefit Palomar Health as vital clinical extenders of our Pharmacy staff.

*SSPPS: What challenges do you see in precepting pharmacy students?*

Jennifer: The biggest challenge I usually come across is time. I am always striving to find good ways to be efficient in maximizing my precepting time and facilitating active learning.

*SSPPS: How do you structure a rotation to promote successful student outcomes?*

Jennifer: It's all about good coordination/organization, setting expectations, and becoming engaged from the beginning. I go over the rotation objectives and structure, assignments, and evaluation expectations on the first day with every student in our Internal Medicine rotation so that there are no surprises. Also, I make sure to go over the student's own goals and try to connect them to the rotation. Getting a student engaged and to become a stakeholder in their own learning ultimately helps them to have a successful rotation outcome.

*SSPPS: What advice would you give to a new preceptor of pharmacy students?*

Jennifer: Students are very impressionable--always strive to be a good role model and to praise good behavior. Students sometimes may ask me a question to which I don't know the answer. I praise them for their inquisitiveness because I want them to be curious and critical thinkers, then I will tell them that I "don't know the answer so let's look it up together."

*SSPPS: What other aspects of your site/rotation would you like to share with the preceptor community?*

Jennifer: At Palomar Health, we have an inspired group of preceptors who want to share their excitement for the profession and who want to impart their knowledge to our students.

## Upcoming Events & Opportunities

**SSPPS Preceptor Development Committee**: If you are interested in helping to steward the Preceptor Development Committee, please contact Dr. James Colbert at [jcolbert@ucsd.edu](mailto:jcolbert@ucsd.edu).

**SSPPS Rotation Fair**: SSPPS will be hosting a rotation fair in January 2016. Keep an eye out for the invitation which Lisa Avery will be sending out in November!

## Feedback from our Students for Preceptors

- Review presentations with students before they are given, and then afterwards, review all the graders' comments and go over them together.
- At the beginning of each week, have a plan for when meetings with students will happen on each day and discuss with student, so student can coordinate their schedule.
- Have a realistic goal for which disease states you plan to cover by the end of the rotation. It's better to cover a few states extremely very well, than to hold the student responsible for too much.

## The Pharmacist's Letter as an IPPE and APPE Resource

Through our partnership with the Pharmacist's Letter, you – as an SSPPS preceptor - have access to the Preceptor Training & Resource Network. Here's what your access to Preceptor Training & Resource Network includes:

- Preceptor CE (home-based courses and live webinars)
- Sample student syllabi, activities, assignments and schedules
- Orientation, grading and evaluation tools
- Targeted professionalism, patient safety and practice-based teaching resources
- PL Journal Club (APPE teaching tools)
- Pharmacy 101 (IPPE teaching tools)
- End-of-rotation exams
- Preceptor discussion board

A sampling of the tips and tricks offered through the PTRN can be found here: <http://pharmacistsletter.therapeuticresearch.com/ptrn/downloaditem.aspx?cs=PTRNONLY&s=PL&id=752>

Information regarding access instructions is emailed on a quarterly basis. If you have any questions or require assistance accessing the Preceptor Training & Resource Network, please contact Amber Berean [aberean@ucsd.edu](mailto:aberean@ucsd.edu).

## Reminder of SSPPS Rotation Absence Policy

- Students are to contact both their preceptor and the Office of Experiential Education (Lisa Avery [lavery@ucsd.edu](mailto:lavery@ucsd.edu) for APPEs and Amber Berean [aberean@ucsd.edu](mailto:aberean@ucsd.edu) for IPPEs) if they are unable to attend the rotation due to illness or emergency.
- Missed rotation time will need to be made up at the discretion of the preceptor.
- The preceptor's approval needs to be secured in advance if a student needs to be absent on a scheduled rotation day.
- A plan should be developed by the preceptor and student for the completion of missed time from the rotation, if the preceptor deems necessary.
- Conditions for excused absences: Students are encouraged to attend professional meetings and interviews required for residency application activities. 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.

# Do You Have a Volunteer Appointment with SSPPS?

## Benefits of a Voluntary Appointment

- Proxy access to the library system
- Able to physically use the library services
- Able to access recreational facilities
- Able to use the UCSD Bookstore (includes educational pricing on software and hardware)
- Utilize the UCSD shuttle bus service
- Placed on seminar listserv
- Eligible for reimbursement for poster presentations and/or meeting registration (see website for details)

## Proxy Access to the UCSD Library System

Once preceptors have an active voluntary appointment with the School, they are eligible for proxy access to the UCSD library system.

1. For questions about the voluntary appointment process, please contact Doreen Lacy at 858.822.5506 or [dlacy@ucsd.edu](mailto:dlacy@ucsd.edu)
2. To initiate the process for proxy access to the library please contact Andrina Marshall at [amarshall@ucsd.edu](mailto:amarshall@ucsd.edu) (please allow one week for processing)

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