

Office of Experiential Education
UC San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SSPPS)
IPPE Scheduling Guidelines

Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPEs) are a required component of the SSPPS curriculum and mandated by ACPE Standards. Students must complete a minimum of 300 hours of IPPEs (composed of Community, Institutional Health-System, and Service Learning*) in order to progress to fourth year Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs). The Office of Experiential Education (OEE) schedules all Community and Health-System IPPEs and assignments are based on site and preceptor availability.

120 hours of Community IPPEs are completed during the summer after the P1 year. The 120 hours (3 weeks) are completed during specific blocks of time over the summer. The IPPE coordinator will request the student's availability for IPPE rotations in March. We request that students give at least two blocks of availability to provide more flexibility in scheduling. The student Community Pharmacy IPPE schedules are usually released by May.

80 hours of Health-System IPPEs are completed during the summer after the P2 year. The 80 hours (1 or 2 weeks, depending on shift schedule) are also completed during specific blocks of time over the summer and are scheduled by OEE. The IPPE coordinator will request the student's availability for IPPE rotations in March. We request that students give at least two blocks of availability to provide more flexibility in scheduling. The student Health-System Pharmacy IPPE schedules are usually released by May.

If the student participates in an SSPPS-approved Summer Research Project (SRP) after P1 year, then the 120 hours (3 weeks) of Community Pharmacy IPPE would be completed the summer after the P2 year. If the student participates in the SRP after the P2 year, then the 80 hour (1 or 2 weeks, depending on shift schedule) IPPE Health-System rotation would be done in either the first or last IPPE block of summer.

Most community IPPE rotations, and all health-system IPPE rotations are scheduled in the San Diego County area. A limited number of community rotations may be available in the Los Angeles/Orange County area based on preceptor and site availability and cannot be guaranteed. IPPE rotations may not be scheduled outside the state of California.

The IPPE coordinator communicates with preceptors and site coordinators to arrange all community and health system IPPE student rotations. Students may not make their own scheduling arrangements for rotations. Students should refer to the Experiential Education Guidelines on Disclosure and Conflict of Interest:

<https://pharmacy.ucsd.edu/sites/pharmacy.ucsd.edu/files/Guidelines%20on%20Disclosure%20and%20Conflict%20of%20Interest.pdf>

Internships, non-SSPPS programs, and the dual PharmD/PhD program must be scheduled around the IPPE program requirements. Students are requested to proactively notify the IPPE coordinator with any extenuating circumstances, including those mentioned in the previous sentence, that would necessitate variations in the scheduling process as soon as possible. If students do not comply with IPPE scheduling requirements, their progression to APPEs and their fourth year may be delayed.

* Simulation activities will also be counted as IPPE hours for Class of 2023 and 2024.