

SSPPS Office of Experiential Education Preceptor News

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



Welcome to our Winter newsletter! Over the past several months our new experiential education faculty team has been conducting site visits to many of our partner sites and have had the pleasure of meeting many of you--- site directors and preceptors from our experiential community, and will continue our site visits over the next several months. The purpose of these visits has been to learn more about your programs, your needs, and express our gratitude for providing outstanding experiential IPPEs and APPEs for our students. Your role and expertise as practicing pharmacists is essential as students rotate through your experiential settings. For most students, the most exciting aspect of their pharmacy program is being able to apply their learned skills to actual patients in the practice setting. As preceptors you are able shape the minds and hone the practice skills of our future pharmacists. Thank you for your dedication and continuing support of our program. During our site visits we have discussed how students may provide greater value to your sites. We are working with some hospital sites to pilot some longitudinal IPPE rotations and other creative programs. We plan to share the results of some of these programs at a future preceptor development program.

We also enjoyed meeting with many of you at our annual **APPE Rotation Fair** on January 16. Our P3 students appreciated the opportunity to learn more about your APPE offerings, and ask questions about your programs. The P3 students will be providing their APPE rotation preferences over the next month. Preceptors will be contacted in April by our APPE coordinator.

On the preceptor development front, we are pleased to see that many of you have signed up to become an SSPPS Affiliate Faculty, which gives you a number of benefits, including access to the vast UCSD online library network. The application is now an easy one step process that requires completion of a one page online form with an attachment of your updated CV. The link to request an **Affiliate Faculty appointment** may be found on our website at: http://pharmacy.ucsd.edu/faculty/appointment_request.shtml

Our Spring **Preceptor Development Program is being held on Saturday April 27**, from 8-11am. In addition to two excellent CAPE-accredited preceptor development CE programs, we will be honoring outstanding preceptors with our annual **Excellence in Precepting Awards** in all categories of IPPEs and APPEs, and kicking off our new **Preceptor Advisory Forum (PAF)**. You asked for more timely updates from the school with regular opportunities to provide your input, and we listened! We hope you will join us at the April event and offer your feedback. Subsequent PAFs will be held quarterly via Zoom teleconferences for the convenience of our preceptors and your busy schedules. Days/times TBD. You are all invited and encouraged to join our PAF meetings. I hope to see you all on April 27!

Transitions and Achievements

- Kenneth Schell, PharmD, retired as of January 2019. He continues to work as a consultant, however.
- Bobby DePriest, PharmD, MBA, AAHIVP was promoted from Specialty Pharmacy Manager to “Regional Sales Director- Specialty Pharmacy” at Walgreens on December 1, 2018.

Preceptor Spotlight: Michelle Hughes, Pharm D, BCPS, BCACP



Clinical Pharmacist, Neighborhood Healthcare

Training: Pharm D, UC San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Undergraduate studies, Austin College
Specialty: Ambulatory Care

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

Michelle: I have been precepting for the Tobacco Cessation and Medication Management Clinic (TCMMC) at UC San Diego Downtown Free Clinic for the past four years. When I was a pharmacy student, I was a Free Clinic Manager for the downtown site and knew after graduation that I would continue to volunteer for the Free Clinic. The TCMMC Clinic had previously only been

available at the Pacific Beach Clinic, and I had the opportunity to lead the expansion to the Downtown Clinic. It has been a very rewarding experience developing another opportunity for experiential learning for UCSD students while serving our underserved population.

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

Michelle: I'm fortunate to have my TCMMC students for an entire year in an environment where I can focus solely on teaching. It gives me time to accommodate different learning styles and provide a tailored learning experience for each of my students. It can be challenging being a preceptor on APPE rotations where much of the initial time is spent onboarding one or more students to the policies of the rotation site and electronic medical record. Preceptors have to develop an efficient, systematic way of onboarding new students and come up with various ways to re-create "real life" experience as a pharmacist for the students. Many preceptors may be tending to their pharmacist duties while precepting, so carving out time for topic discussions, presentations, and evaluations is an ongoing challenge. However, incorporating pharmacy residents into a layered learning model with pharmacy students has helped to address this challenge.

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

Michelle: I enjoy the opportunity to share my knowledge and mentor students. I think of the many professors and preceptors who supported and encouraged me throughout pharmacy school and beyond. When I hit roadblocks in school or career, I felt very fortunate to have someone to get professional guidance and advice from. This is my way of paying it forward to our future pharmacists.

Upcoming Preceptor Development Events

The Office of Experiential Education is hosting a preceptor's conference on Saturday, April 27th from 8 am to noon. The event, which will include breakfast, will be held on the SSPPS campus. The topic is "Making Experiences Count: Precepting with Purpose." Dr. Felix Yam will present "Best Practices for Co-precepting" and Dr. Julie Park will present "Structuring an Effective APPE." CAPE continuing education credit will be offered for this event. If you did not receive an invitation, but would like to attend the event, please email Pam McGlynn at pmcglynn@ucsd.edu. A Preceptor Skills Workshop will also be hosted at the school in August. Invitations for that event will be emailed out the end of July.

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 Absence Policy for the SSPPS may be viewed at this link:

<http://pharmacy.ucsd.edu/current/docs/policy/Policy-Experiential%20Education%20Absences.pdf>

The Voluntary Faculty Appointment Process

Pharmacists and other health care professionals (HCPs) who provide significant preceptorship or teaching to our students are eligible for voluntary faculty appointments at SSPPS. Effective October 2018, a new category called Affiliate Faculty has been created. The process for obtaining an affiliate faculty appointment is now streamlined and simpler compared to a Non-Salaried or Voluntary Faculty appointment. The SSPPS encourages all preceptors, pharmacists, and residents who provide significant teaching to our students to apply for an Affiliate Faculty Appointment. The differences between types of appointments and the benefits of obtaining an appointment can be found here:

<https://pharmacy.ucsd.edu/faculty/docs/Volunteer-Process-FAQ.pdf>

The link to request an appointment is on the OEE website and can be found here:

https://pharmacy.ucsd.edu/faculty/appointment_request.shtml

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