

APPE UPDATE



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We are at the end of the third fall APPE rotation. One more to go to graduation for some of you and the halfway point for the rest! Remember to call your new instructor/preceptor, if you are going to a new site on November 19, to confirm your starting time, place, etc. All of us here in the Skaggs School of Pharmacy send best wishes for a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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REGISTRATION FOR SPRING SEMESTER

If you need to register for your remaining rotations for spring 2008 you received your registration form, advising number and other registration information in a recent mailing.

Please review your APPE rotation schedule and contact Gayle if you have any questions. Preregistration is done through Cyber Bear and registration/bills will be available on Cyber Bear after November 27. Your schedule/bill must be finalized by January 5 or your pre-registration will be cancelled,

DIS/LSS will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21, and closed Thursday, November 22, through Sunday, November 25, for Thanksgiving. Keys are available on Tuesday, November 20, from Jenny, SB 340 or Barbara, SB 316.

and you will need to start over and will pay a late fee of \$40. Late registration via Cyber Bear runs January 9 to January 23. Fee payment will be via Cyber Bear with any financial aid refund mailed to you. A late fee is charged if registration isn't finalized by January 23.

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

—UNK



Today there are 36 million seniors in the U.S.; by 2030, that number will rise to 75 million. The elderly account for 12.7% of the U.S. population, but consume approximately 35% of total prescriptions.

ASHP RESIDENCIES

The 2007 ASHP Residency Directory is now available on the ASHP web site. This is the compilation of all of the ASHP affiliated residency programs in the country.

Log onto the following websites to find the latest information on ASHP Residencies if you are interested in doing a residency next year or in the future:

<http://www.ashp.org/rtp/index.cfm>
or
<http://www.natmatch.com/ashprmp>

The following is a checklist for residency applicants that you will find in more detail on the web.

November:

- finalize CV and using the preliminary PPS listing, select the residency programs for possible interviews.

December:

- attend the ASHP Mid-year Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas, NV, Dec 2-6, 2007
- request letters of recommendation, remembering to enclose any forms required.
- complete all paperwork for applications, including ordering transcripts;
- schedule on-site interviews.

January:

- on-site interviews begin;

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<http://www.health.umt.edu/schools/practice/current/experiential.htm#bulletins>

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APPE CALENDAR

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| Nov | 15th Midyear Workshop, SB 336, 5:30 pm | 16th End of the third fall rotation | 19th Start of the fourth fall rotation | 21st Thanksgiving Holiday |
| Dec | 2nd-6th ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, Las Vegas, NV | 14th End of the fourth fall rotation | 14th Exit Meeting for Dec Grads | 17th thru Jan 7th Holiday Break for students |

HOLIDAY HOUR REQUIREMENT

We have been operating so far with the understanding that a 4-week rotation contains 160 hours of practical experience and that a student could have one day each rotation where time missed would not have to be made up. That day can be used to make up for a holiday within the rotation, for illness, for doctor's or other appointments, for interviewing, etc. It must be used within that rotation and can not be saved up for use in another rotation under normal circumstances.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday during the fourth rotation, we are adding a second day that does not have to be made up in that 4-week period. Thus, in late November/December, you can have up to two days in that rotation that don't have to be made up. **However, except in an emergency, you must notify your instructor in advance and arrange to make up any assignments or tasks missed.** Any time missed beyond those two days must be made

up through arrangements with the instructor. If the amount of time missed is going to be more than can be made up easily, please contact me immediately so that we can discuss the situation and attempt to find a solution. Remember, you need to return with at least 144 hours in the fourth rotation.

ASHP MID-YEAR CLINICAL MEETING

The ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting will be held Dec 2-6th in Las Vegas. This is an excellent meeting to attend, not only for the continuing education and exhibits, but for the chance to obtain information on residencies, visit with residency preceptors, interview for pharmacy positions and network with practitioners from all over the country.

Student registration fee before Nov 21st is \$195 member and \$240 nonmember. After Nov 21st the registration fee increases by about \$100. Mike Rivey and Kendra Keeley will hold an informational question and answer session on November 15 at 5:30 pm in SB 336 for those planning to attend. If you are on rotation outside Missoula, you can participate via telephone conference call.

The ASHP Clinical Skills



CPR AND IMMUNIZATIONS



Some of you have been contacted by Karen reminding you that your CPR or PPD must be renewed by the end of October and proof must be turned in for fall. Others have been contacted to have CPR, PPD or their Hep B titer done for their spring rotations. If you have not yet done so, please be sure to fax a copy of your CPR card, PPD or Hep B titer to Karen at 406-243-4353.

Your CPR must be renewed

annually or biennially, depending upon the provider, and your PPD must be redone annually. We will send you reminders but it is your responsibility to renew your requirements and forward the documentation to Karen. Failure to provide renewal documentation by the end of the month of expiration will result in loss of APPE hours until the documentation has been submitted.

Karen maintains this documentation and has the list of APPE students posted on the bulletin board outside SB 323/324 showing when the CPR and PPD expire. Student ID numbers are listed in place of the student name for the purpose of confidentiality. If you are outside Missoula and need to know this information, call Karen at 243-4226. Also, if you are outside Missoula, check with the hospital in which you are clerking for information on renewing both the CPR and the PPD. Another source of CPR certification would be the American Red Cross. The PPD can be done at public health departments or in any physician's office.

Competition was held this past spring. **The winners, Stephanie Robertson and Mike Wollan,** will represent the school in the annual Clinical Skills Competition that will be held on Saturday, Dec 1st, and Sunday, Dec 2nd.

The dean's office will pay a portion of the early member student registration fee upon presentation of a registration receipt after the meeting. The exact amount of available funding will be determined by the dean's office. At this time, approximately sixteen students have indicated they plan to go to Midyear.

If you are in rotation during the last fall rotation period, November 19th-December 14th, you will need to negotiate with your preceptor regarding the time you would miss going to the midyear meeting. In the past we have allowed students to count the time at the meeting (but not

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STUDY GUIDES FOR MPJE

The Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination is used by most state boards of pharmacy to examine candidates for pharmacy licensure. However, some states do not use the MPJE and all states include questions about specific state law on the MPJE. The exam is comprised of questions from federal law (60%) and state law (40%). The website of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, www.nabp.net, contains information on each state's law exam.

The MPJE is designed similarly to the NAPLEX exam with the

same style of questions. The test is usually made up of 90 questions, 60 of which are used to determine your score. The other 30 questions, which are intermingled throughout the exam, are pre-test questions being evaluated for level of difficulty and appropriateness. The three major areas included in the examination are pharmacy practice (78% of exam), licensure, registration, certification, and operational requirements (17% of exam), and regulatory structure and terms (5% of exam).

Recent graduates who took

MPJE feel that it is less stressful due to the fact that it is shorter in length than NAPLEX, but of comparable difficulty and requires preparation. Students mentioned using the Phar 310 text book (discussed below) and their Phar 310 notes to prepare. They also recommended reviewing the recent Montana (or another state's) Board of Pharmacy newsletters that can be found on the NABP website at www.nabp.net under the newsletter button.

The school has copies of two popular study guides for the

federal drug law found on the MPJE. They are Guide to Federal Pharmacy Law by Reiss and Hall and Strauss's Federal Drug Laws and Examination Review. There is also a chapter on federal pharmacy law in the A.Ph.A.'s Complete Review for Pharmacy.

The Guide to Federal Pharmacy Law, which is used as the text in Phar 310, is in its 5th edition, published in 2006, contains 340 pages and costs \$46.95. The first section of the book is a Guide to the MPJE, providing helpful information on the exam. The remaining 11 sections address various aspects of federal pharmacy law, which is concise but complete. Most sections have varying numbers of questions (usually 8 to 10) at the end for review of the material; answers are provided. A sample test is provided at the end of the book with 310 NAPLEX style test questions with answers provided.

Strauss's Federal Drug Laws and Examination Review, edited by Steven Strauss, is in its 5th edition, published in 2000. It contains 440 pages at a cost of \$75.00. It consists of 27 chapters, most of which contain articles reprinted from various pharmacy and regulatory newsletters and journals. Information is presented quite in depth in these articles. There are varying numbers of questions after each chapter, most having in excess of 20, with answers provided in the back of the book. There is no sample test provided, but there are 10 appendices of related information.

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NABP LICENSING

If you will be receiving your Pharm. D. degree in December, it's not too early to be thinking about NAPLEX and MPJE, the licensing exams. You will receive an e-mail from Erika with the Montana Application for Examination and Licensure and a

NAPLEX
Reinstated
in all
Prometric
Testing Centers
Effective
October 5, 2007

set of instructions. Printed NAPLEX and MPJE application forms are no longer available and can only be accessed on the NABP website, www.nabp.net

You must submit your application forms for NAPLEX and MPJE on the NABP website, **paying the fees by credit card**. You must enter your exact graduation date on the application which is 12/14/07 for December grads. The fees will be \$465 for NAPLEX and \$185 for MPJE. You may want to wait on applying until closer to the end of the semester, as your credit card will be charged as soon as you apply to take the test.

If you are licensing in Montana

and making that your primary state of licensure, you will also need to complete the Montana Application for Examination and Licensure. Do not send this form to the Montana Board of Pharmacy, as Lori Morin must complete a section after you

have finished all of the requirements for the degree. Submit the Montana application to Erika Claxton by December 10, along with the \$60.00 application fee (personal check okay) and a photo (Erika has these). Erika will also notarize your signature on the Montana application. As soon as the semester is over (after December 14) and you have submitted your evaluations and hours indicating successful completion of your APPE courses, the dean's office will send your application to the Montana Board of Pharmacy who will in turn notify NABP that you are eligible to take the exams.

If you are licensing in another state, visit that state board's website or contact them directly

for application forms and information. In any case, you will need to have Lori complete a section on the out-of-state application form or supply a letter indicating that you have completed all the requirements for the Pharm. D. before you can make application to take the exams through another state board.

After NABP has been notified by a state board that you are eligible to take the exams, NABP will notify the Chauncey Group which will mail you an Authorization to Test (ATT). You will need that ATT in order to schedule an appointment with Prometric, either on the phone or on the Prometric website. After taking the test, Prometric will notify your Board of Pharmacy which will notify you of your results. Remember that it will take at least 4 weeks, and more like 6 weeks, to complete this process, especially with the holidays after December graduation.

Please read over carefully the materials sent to you by the dean's office and contact Lori or Erika with your questions.

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**ASHP MID-YEAR
CLINICAL MEETING....**

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travel days) as APPE hours, as long as all of the rotation requirements are met. For a registration form and more information, go to: www.ashp.org/meetings/midyear

ASHP RESIDENCIES.....

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- submit application agreement form to the National Matching Service by January 11, 2008.

February:

- complete interviews and narrow residency choices to programs that best meet your professional and personal needs and goals.

March:

- submit Rank Order Form to be received by National Matching Service, March 7;
- receive "Match" outcome on or about March 19;
- unmatched candidates resubmit application to programs with positions remaining.

July:

- most residencies begin July 1st.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Remember that many sites require you to produce your CPR, PPD and the Hep B series and titer documentation. You are to carry copies of these with you when starting a new rotation.

Some sites will also ask to see a copy of your MMR. Karen does not retain records of your MMR since you were required to produce it when you entered the university. Contact Curry Health Center if you do not have a copy of your MMR.

The **hours for Learning Support Services** have changed on the weekend for the **fall semester**. LSS will be open from 9 am to 6 pm on Saturdays and from 12 pm to 9 pm

on Sundays.

Director of Pharmacy position available at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital, Glasgow, MT. Ideal location for a new graduate or someone wanting to develop management skills. Includes sign-on bonus and generous benefits package. A modern hospital with high-tech equipment such as Med Dispense and Meditech computer system; pharmacy has new bar coding software for labeling meds. Contact Sherry Puckett, Director of Recruiting at spuckett@cpspharm.net or call 800-968-6962.

STUDY GUIDES FOR MPJE.....

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Two other study guides that are published, but not available for review, include the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) edited by National Learning Corporation, which was published in October 2005. It's available at Amazon.com for

\$38.00. The Pharmacy & Federal Drug Law Review: A Patient Profile Approach by Kosegarten and Pisano consists of a book plus an accompanying CD; it was published in 2006 and costs \$50.00. More information on both of these resources is available at Amazon.com

**END OF
ROTATION
PAPERWORK**

If you are finishing a rotation this week, it's time to complete your evaluations on your experience and on your clinical instructor(s). Your instructor will be completing his or her evaluation of your performance. Try to sit down with your instructor this week and review your evaluations together. Your instructor should also complete the next section of the yellow **Evaluation Summary form**.

Your instructor can give his or her evaluation to you to return to school or it can be sent to Gayle at school. **Remember, turn in all of your evaluations and a copy of your Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Affidavit at the end of each 4 or 8 week APPE rotation.** However, be sure to retain a copy of your instructor(s)' evaluation of your performance for each rotation in your portfolio.

Your **portfolio** should contain any required or elective experience materials from this rotation. If you are in a required rotation (inpatient or ambulatory care), please make sure you have copies in your portfolio of those materials noted in the Portfolio section of the APPE manual. If you are in an elective rotation, you should include a representative sample of your work as agreed upon with your instructor.