

APPE UPDATE

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We are approaching the winter solstice and the shortest day of the year. It is all downhill from here!

Remember to turn in all evaluations and a copy of your hours for fall semester rotations by Friday, December 14, so grades can be issued the following week.

All of us wish you a wonderful holiday season of Christmas, Kwanzaa, and Hanukkah.

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DECEMBER GRADUATES

Congratulations to those members of the class who should be graduating and leaving the program with the Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the end of the fall semester. They are Karlee Amestoy, Kristen Berntson, Nicole Bolton, Alicia Christians, Kristine Coffin, Ryan Fevold, Joshua Fisher, Matt Frye, Leslie Galindo, Brian Gilson, Landon Godfrey, Corey Heffernan, Kacie Hendricks, Funmi Johnson, Dan Lee, Drew Meador, Brian Mihalka, Jonathan Newman, Shawn Patrick, Bryan Potts, Loron Powelson, Risik Rask, Stephanie Robertson, Kristen Sperle, Miranda Sundsted, Jacob Thiesse, Michael Thomas, Kim Whetham, Michael Wolan, and RuoFan Yu.

We will update you in a later newsletter as to where each of them is practicing.

DECEMBER GRADUATES EXIT CONFERENCE

We will hold an exit conference for December Pharm.D. graduates on Friday, December 14, in Skaggs Building 336 at noon (pizza will be provided). Those students who are graduating in December have received two questionnaires, in a recent mailing, to complete and bring to the final conference. One questionnaire is on the APPE program; the second one is an assessment of the entire pharmacy program. A salary survey from the dean's office was also sent to you.

Following the exit conference, around 1:15 pm, we will begin individual interviews with each graduate to review the second half of your APPE rotations. In your mailing, you also received a memo on exit interviews and a list of the materials that are in your file. Please bring all your evaluations, the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Affidavit, and portfolio materials to that meeting. **Having made copies of selected portfolio materials (see exit interview memo for a list) in advance will save time at that interview.** Failure to have all your materials complete at the conference will delay your application to take the NAPLEX exam. If you are outside Missoula and unable to attend the meeting on December 14, contact Gayle to set up an appointment at your convenience the following week or in early January.

MIDPOINT EXIT INTERVIEWS FOR MAY 2008 GRADUATES

By the end of the current rotation, all May 2008 graduates will have completed at least four of their eight APPE rotations. If you have already completed four rotations and have not yet met with Gayle to review those, you will need to do so by the end of the semester, if possible. If you will have completed four rotations at the end of the semester and are leaving Missoula for spring semester, we will try to meet at the very end of this rotation to review your first four.

If you will have completed four rotations at the end of this semester and will be in Missoula next semester, we can meet during the Christmas break or early in the first spring rotation. If you are outside Missoula, Gayle will arrange to meet with you early in spring semester in your Montana location. You will receive a copy of the exit interview flyer, a survey to be completed and a list of the contents of your APPE file in a separate mailing.

Please call or e-mail Gayle to set up an appointment. **Prior to that appointment, making copies of the selected portfolio materials (see exit interview flyer for a list) in advance will save time at that interview.**

Inside News

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

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APPE CALENDAR

Dec	14th End of the fourth fall rotation	14th Exit Meeting for Dec Grads	15th thru Jan 6th Holiday Break for students	
Jan	7th Start of the first spring rotation			

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 web-sites 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.

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 be-

- gin;
- 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

Life expectancy at age 85 has increased 24% since 1960; and is projected to increase another 44% by 2040, with an accompanying increase in the incidence of conditions such as hip fractures and Alzheimer's disease. 32,000 seniors suffer hip fractures each year due to falls caused by medication related problems.

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.

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 preregistration will be cancelled, 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.



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 have received an e-mail from Erika with the Montana Application for Examination and Licensure and a 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 se-

mester 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 Person VUE, either on the phone or on the Person VUE website. After taking the test, Person VUE 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 e-mailed to you by the Office of Student Services and contact Lori or Erika with your questions.

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

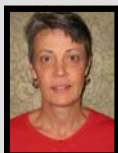
that 4-week period. Thus, in late November/December, you can have up to two days in that rotation that don't have to be made up. **However, except in an emergency, you must notify your instructor in advance and arrange to make up any assignments or tasks missed.** Any time missed beyond those two days 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.

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

May Graduates...your assignment sheet, evaluations, and various forms for spring semester were sent in a recent mailing via snail mail. If you did not receive them by December 12, please contact Karen at 406-243-4226 or email karen.franceschina@umontana.edu to give her an address to which we can re-mail your materials for next semester.

The Skaggs Building will be open 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, December 17th through January 18th. However, the building is closed December 25th, January 1st and January 21st for holidays. The building will also be closed on weekends. DIS/LLS will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday December 17th through January 18th. It is closed on weekends and holidays. Students can obtain keys from Barbara in SB316 during normal business hours.

And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.

~Dr. Seuss

CPR AND IMMUNIZATIONS

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.

Ennis, MT.....Great career opportunity if you're looking to own your own pharmacy. Ennis Pharmacy & Restaurant, located on Main St has an outstanding operating history, great Main Street frontage in a town with a booming growth trend. See Gayle or Karen for brochure or contact Brian S. Cartwright at 406-582-9705.

Some of you have been contacted by Karen reminding you to have CPR, PPD or Hep B titer done for your spring rotations. Please be sure to fax a copy of your CPR card, PPD or Hep B titer to Karen at 406-243-4353.

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.

You need to keep the school current on the status of your health insurance. If your provider changes, send Karen a photocopy of your new ID card. You can FAX documentation to Karen at 406-243-4353 or it can be mailed to her attention at the School of Pharmacy.