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Dear Pharmacist,

This is a “Call for Preceptors” for the School of Pharmacy’s Practice Experience Program for **Spring-Summer, 2020**.

For the 2020 Spring-Summer period, the following groups of students (approximately 80 students) require placement:

- Class of 2023 (2nd year Pharm. D.) requires **six weeks** of practice experience (Pharmacy 305P) in a **community pharmacy**. *This will be the Class of 2023’s first formal practice experience.*
 - *Students will be **assigned** to sites and preceptors, rather than selecting their own.*
- Class of 2022 (3rd year Pharm. D.) requires **four weeks** of practice experience (Pharmacy 407P) in **any direct patient care setting**.
 - *Students will be contacting sites to apply for placement, the focus of which is to further develop their patient care skills.*
 - *Class of 2022 must also complete a 2-week hospital rotation during Spring-Summer, 2020.*

The placements normally begin as soon as possible after Winter semester exams end (late April/early May) and continue through May and possibly into June.

In keeping with the philosophy that the practice experiences are educational experiences and not work experiences, these are **unpaid** placements.

Further information about the practice experience program can be found at <http://www.mun.ca/pharmacy/community/spe/>.

Preceptors are recommended to complete an acceptable **preceptor education program**. **Preceptor and site criteria** as well as links for free online preceptor development courses may be accessed at <http://www.mun.ca/pharmacy/community/spe/preceptorcriteria.php>.

Why Be a Preceptor?

For all the things you can give...

- Your knowledge and expertise
- The benefit of your experience
- Your enthusiasm and compassion
- Your time
- A contribution to your profession

And for the number of things you receive...

- The opportunity to learn from your students
- Contribution of value-added benefits to your practice site through provision of additional services or educational programs by students
- The opportunity to keep current and remain stimulated (or become revitalized) as a pharmacist
- A way to enhance your teaching skills
- A means to reflect on your own practice
- The opportunity to support development of the profession by helping shape the next generation of pharmacists
- A means to be recognized as a role model
- Personal and professional satisfaction

Acting as a preceptor is recognized as a pharmacy education source and participating pharmacists are eligible to receive continuing education credits.

If you are willing to be a preceptor for a student, **please return the reply form**,
https://www.mun.ca/pharmacy/community/spe/PPE_Reply_Form_2020_Fillable.pdf

The practice experience program would not be possible without the contribution and commitment of dedicated pharmacists to serve as preceptors. As you know, experiential education is critical to becoming a competent pharmacist. Thanks to all who have previously participated in the program. To those who have not yet participated, we look forward to your involvement.

If you have any questions about being a preceptor in our program, please do not hesitate to contact me at (709) 864-7900 or e-mail me at wspurrel@mun.ca.

Sincerely,

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