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Dear Pharmacist,

This is a “Call for Preceptors” for the School of Pharmacy’s Practice Experience Program for **2021-22**.

The following groups of students (approximately 120 students) require placement in *community* pharmacies:

- Class of 2024 (2<sup>nd</sup> year Pharm. D.) requires **six weeks** of practice experience (Pharmacy 305P) in a **community pharmacy**. *This will be the Class of 2024’s first formal practice experience.*
  - *Students will be **assigned** to sites and preceptors, rather than selecting their own.*
  - *Phar305P normally begins after Winter semester exams end (late April/early May) and continues through May and possibly into June.*
- Class of 2023 (3<sup>rd</sup> year Pharm. D.) requires **four weeks** of practice experience (Pharmacy 407P) in a **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 2023 must also complete a 2-week hospital rotation during Spring-Summer, 2021.*
  - *Phar407P may take place starting late April and must be completed by end of August.*
- Class of 2022 (5<sup>th</sup> year Pharm. D.) requires **eight-week blocks** of practice experience (Pharmacy 605P and 607P) and /or a **six-week block** (Pharmacy 608P), as part of their **Advanced Pharmacy Practice courses taking place from May 2021 to April 2022**.

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 <https://www.mun.ca/pharmacy/community/spe/ppe.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 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
- A reminder of why you wanted to become a pharmacist in the first place!

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>.

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_2021-22.pdf)**.  
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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, email [wspurrel@mun.ca](mailto:wspurrel@mun.ca).

Sincerely,

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