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Dear Pharmacist,

This is a “Call for Preceptors” for the School of Pharmacy’s Practice Experience (PPE) Program for **2024-25**. Experiential education is critical to becoming a competent pharmacist.

The following groups of students require placement in **community** pharmacies:

- Class of 2027 (2nd year Pharm. D.) requires **six weeks** of practice experience (Pharmacy 305P) in a **community** pharmacy. *This will be the Class of 2027’s first formal practice experience.*
 - Students are **assigned** to sites and preceptors, rather than selecting their own.
 - *Phar305P normally begins after Winter semester exams (late April/early May) and continues through May/early June.*
- Class of 2026 (3rd 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 goal of which is to further develop their patient care skills.*
 - *Students may apply work experience towards meeting requirements of this PPE only.*
 - *Class of 2026 must also complete a 2-week hospital rotation during Spring-Summer, 2024.*
 - *Phar407P may take place starting late April and should be completed by early/mid-August.*
- Class of 2025 (5th 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 2024 to April 2025**.

In keeping with the philosophy that the practice experiences are educational experiences and not work experiences, these are **unpaid** placements, (with the *possible* exception of Phar407P).

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 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
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Further information about the [practice experience program](https://www.mun.ca/pharmacy/community/spe/ppe.php) can be found at <https://www.mun.ca/pharmacy/community/spe/ppe.php>.

Preceptors are required to complete an acceptable **preceptor education program**. **Preceptor and site criteria** as well as links for free online [preceptor development](http://www.mun.ca/pharmacy/community/spe/preceptordevelopment) courses may be accessed at <http://www.mun.ca/pharmacy/community/spe/preceptorcriteria.php>, and <https://www.mun.ca/pharmacy/community/spe/preceptorresources.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](#)**.

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 questions about being a preceptor in our program, please do not hesitate to contact us - email wspurrel@mun.ca, lisa.little@mun.ca, or ppeprogram@mun.ca.

Sincerely,

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