Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy has partnered with the Collaborative Education Institute (CEI) to offer free online preceptor training modules to CCP preceptors.

The topics of the modules vary. Current activities include:

**Preceptor Development – Core Requirements**
- The Role of the Preceptor
- Developing Your Rotation
- Providing Constructive Feedback

**Preceptor Development Activities**
- Demonstrating Cultural Competence
- Mentoring Students
- Teaching for the Generations
- Using Reflections to Teach
- Adult Learning Strategies

**Clinical Teaching Tools**
- Appropriate Pain Management
- Rational Antibiotic Use
- Interpreting Published Studies
- Migraine Management
- Assessing Patient Vitals

Four new modules are added to the website annually. CEI also offers monthly “Log-In to Learn” journal clubs, which provide preceptors opportunities to discuss recently published articles in a live webinar format.

CEI is an ACPE-accredited provider of continuing pharmacy education; therefore, pharmacists may earn continuing education (CE) credit for successful completion of modules.

If you are a CCP preceptor, we encourage you to register at [http://www.theceinstitute.org](http://www.theceinstitute.org). The registration process is simple but requires an access code from CCP. Preceptors should request this code from the Office of Experiential Education by calling 630.515.6100 or emailing Associate Dean Avery Spunt at aspunt@midwestern.edu. The College is grateful to its preceptors and hope the new partnership with CEI provides quality CE opportunities for years to come!
In order to continue to meet the needs of the pharmacist in the evolving health care environment, Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy offers a variety of postgraduate education programs through partnerships with well-respected health-systems, hospitals, clinics and community pharmacies in the Chicago area.

The College’s longest standing program, the postgraduate year 1 (PGY1) pharmacy residency, recruited its first resident in 1998. Other programs include:

- PGY1 community pharmacy residencies that are affiliated with Dominick’s and Jewel-Osco
- Postgraduate year 2 (PGY2) residencies in critical care and infectious diseases
- A two-year (PGY2/3) fellowship in infectious diseases.

All residents and fellows are given Visiting Instructor appointments in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and participate in the College’s Teaching and Learning Curriculum (TLC), which is a structured program designed to enhance teaching skills.

The 2009-2010 academic year was significant for the College’s postgraduate education programs:

- The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) reaccredited the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency program and accredited the PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency program.
- The College graduated its first two critical care residents, Drs. Payal Gurnani and Kathryn Krohn, and its first infectious diseases fellow, Dr. John Esterly, who published numerous papers during his two years as a fellow.
- Amgen, Inc. awarded the College $40,000 to partially support the salary and benefits of an additional PGY1 pharmacy resident.
- After recruiting, interviewing and the residency match had concluded, the College was pleased that all 12 resident and fellow slots (9 in MWU sponsored programs, 3 in affiliated community programs) were filled for the 2010-2011 academic year!

The Chicago College of Pharmacy is very proud of the growth and success of its postgraduate education programs, and we would like to thank our preceptors and clinical site partners for all that they do to make this possible. Here’s to another stellar year!

For more information about CCP’s residency and fellowship programs please visit: www.midwestern.edu/cep/residency
Dear Avery,

My students have been reporting to my practice site with all kinds of fancy phones and other electronic devices. Most of the students do not let these devices interfere with the patient care or education process. However, I have recently seen an increased intrusiveness of these devices. Does the school have any policies or recommendations on the use of electronic devices in the pharmacy/health care learning environment?

Dear Preceptor,

The staff in the Office of Experiential Education is crafting policy and guidelines to address this issue. We are seeing an increase in student use of portable electronic devices while on rotation, and unfortunately some students do not exhibit the best professional judgment in their use of these devices. I am sure you have seen patients and colleagues inappropriately using electronic devices, so this is a widespread issue.

The discussion regarding electronic devices should take place during orientation when rules, regulations and expectations for the rotation are being laid out. Personal cell phones should be turned off or placed in silent mode. Students should not answer calls in patient care areas or during conferences. Students should not check personal e-mail, sports scores, or the stock market etc. Calls, text messages and inquiries should only be read and answered during private/break time.

We understand that some students may have reference material related to the rotation stored on their electronic devices. During orientation, you may want to ask if this is the case. If so, be sure they understand that no pictures or audio recordings can be taken on site with their device. Electronic devices can only be used for purposes relevant to the practice site. When using the device, be sure it is not a distraction to the team, patients or their families. Students should also understand that they will be periodically expected to answer questions without the use of their electronic devices.

As technology advances, the issues of use will also grow, and so will our guidelines. Ultimately, it’s always best to be sure those students are respectful of others. If you have any additional questions or concerns please call me at 630-515-6477.

Career Explorers Program: Summer 2010

By Sheri Stensland, Pharm.D.

Fifty students participated in the 2010 Walgreens/Jewel-Osco/Chicago College of Pharmacy Career Explorers Program this summer. Now in its eleventh year, this program aims to provide exceptional high school students a chance to explore careers in pharmacy over a period of six weeks. Participants’ days are split between classes at the Midwestern University Campus and site visits at Walgreens or Jewel-Osco pharmacies. Upon completing this recent program, 92 percent (or 46 students) stated they plan to pursue a career in pharmacy.

On campus, students attended lectures, participated in labs, and worked on “pharmacy controversy” projects. While the lectures and labs provided students with a vast amount of information, one pointed out “you learn the most through experience.”

On site at Walgreens or Jewel-Osco pharmacies, students worked with preceptors to learn about the general workflow in the pharmacy. They completed workbooks, learned how to fill prescriptions, shadowed pharmacists, and asked a plethora of questions about pharmacy. One student stated, “The most important concept I will take away from this experience is the importance and benefit of asking questions. To be able to communicate clearly and effectively has proven to open up so many possibilities.”

Students thoroughly enjoyed their site visits and time spent with their preceptors. One student stated, “My preceptor was very helpful and had a lot of knowledge to give me. He was a great mentor.” Another said that his preceptor was a “good teacher and always put others before himself.” A third student described her preceptor as “nice, knowledgeable, and all about helping others.”

The College would like to thank all of the preceptors and professors who participate in this program each year and make this program possible. These students learn a great deal during this six week program. As one girl stated, “This is simply a really good program overall. I really enjoyed it.” Students take away from the program that pharmacy “isn’t just some person behind the counter dispensing pills.”

Ask the Office of Experiential Education

by Avery Spunt, RPh, MEd, FASHP

Please call me at 630-515-6477.
College Connection

Be Involved

Interested in precepting in either Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) or the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE)?

Contact Associate Dean Avery Spunt at 630-515-6100 or aspunt@midwestern.edu

Interested in teaching and facilitating workshops or laboratories?

Contact Dr. Susan Winkler, Department Chair of Pharmacy Practice, at 630-515-6115 or swinkl@midwestern.edu, or Dr. Shridhar Andurkar, Department Chair of Pharmaceutical Sciences, at 630-515-6399 or sandur@midwestern.edu

Interested in getting more involved in the CCP Alumni Association?

Contact CCP Dean Nancy Fjortoft at 630-971-6417 or nfjort@midwestern.edu

Interested in interviewing prospective pharmacy students?

Contact CCP Assistant Dean Paula Giometti at 630-971-6417 or pgiome@midwestern.edu

Interested in participating in outreach events at local high schools or colleges or in diversity recruitment activities?

Contact Damienne Souter, Assistant to the Dean, at 630-515-7373 or dsoute@midwestern.edu.

Contact Us

With any questions, concerns or future submissions, please contact Damienne Souter, Assistant to the Dean, at 630-515-7373 or dsoute@midwestern.edu.

Calendar

AAPS Annual Meeting
November 14 - 18, 2010
New Orleans, LA

CCP Alumni Council’s
Dinner with the Dean
November 18, 2010 at 6:30 PM
Midwestern University, Downers Grove, IL, Hyde Atrium

45th ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
CCP Reception: December 5, 2010, at 6:00 PM
Anaheim Marriott, Anaheim, CA

CCP Alumni Council’s
Strike-A-Connection Bowling Night
February 10, 2011
Lucky Strike Lanes, Lombard, IL

APhA Annual Meeting
March 25 - 28, 2011
Seattle, WA

CCP Alumni Council’s
June CE & Family Picnic
Saturday, June 11, 2011
Midwestern University campus

In 2011, the Chicago College of Pharmacy will be celebrating its 20-year anniversary. Watch your mail and email for details and opportunities to help us celebrate!

Keep in Touch

Let us know what’s new with you or update your contact information. You may contact Damienne Souter, Assistant to the Dean, at 630-515-7373 or dsoute@midwestern.edu. You may also go to www.midwestern.edu and click on MWUNET to access the Alumni Directory, check the Job Finder, or update your contact information. Simply login the same way you did when you were a student. Still need some assistance? Then feel free to call the IT Help Desk at 630-515-7361 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM CST.