

University at Buffalo
School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) Program

SITE STANDARDS

All pharmacy sites participating in the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Program must meet and maintain the basic training site standards listed below.

1. Meet and maintain standards set by all government agencies including the state board, Drug Enforcement Agency, Food and Drug Administration, and the New York Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement.
2. Present a clean, orderly and professional image.
3. Maintain and utilize patient medication profiles to facilitate on going prospective identification of drug related problems.
4. Provide the volume and variety of contemporary experiences related to prescription, non-prescription and health-related items to furnish a wide range of general pharmacy practice experiences.

NOTE: Students are to be assigned to learning areas that correlate with the objectives of the particular rotation and to the student's weaknesses, e.g., patient consultation and problem solving. The use of students to fulfill staffing needs should be minimized.

5. Provide health care information to patients and/or other health care professionals. Printed information should supplement, not substitute for, pharmacist consultation.
 - a. Patient counseling (ideally in a private consultation area) should be a consistent and visible component of community pharmacy service.
 - b. In hospital settings, we encourage pharmacists to provide a role model of patient contact, e.g., medication histories and discharge medication counseling.
 - c. We encourage hospital pharmacists to provide patients with a record of medication use at discharge, which would assist a community pharmacist in providing a continuum of care.
6. Provide services to meet expanded public health responsibilities (e.g., supply health information and provide screening programs).
7. Provide adequate resources (either on-line and/or textbooks) for a student to be able to review drug and health related information if necessary. If access to certain materials/literature is unable to be provided, allowing the student time to utilize University resources (e.g., Health Sciences Library, HUBNET, etc.) as needed is highly recommended.