Experiential Program in Association & Leadership Management

APPE Program Description & Curriculum

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AMCP is the nation’s leading professional association dedicated to increasing patient access to affordable medicines, improving health outcomes and ensuring the wise use of health care dollars. Through evidence- and value-based strategies and practices, the Academy’s 8,000 pharmacists, physicians, nurses and other practitioners manage medication therapies for the 270 million Americans served by health plans, pharmacy benefit management firms, emerging care models and government.
APPE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

AMCP’s mission is to enrich the managed care pharmacy workforce by providing educational and experiential opportunities for student pharmacists. AMCP is excited to host an Experiential Program in Association & Leadership Management at our headquarters in Alexandria, VA. This APPE rotation will help student pharmacists learn the fundamentals of association and leadership management including effective communication, education and advocacy. During this APPE rotation, student pharmacists will:

- Gain a deeper understanding of the mission, vision, core values, organizational structure, and services of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy
- Participate in strategic leadership meetings, both internal and external
- Identify and analyze high priority issues in managed care pharmacy, and help determine AMCP’s role on these issues
- Develop skills in verbal and written communication, information gathering, evaluation, and analysis for use in a future in managed care pharmacy

General Description

The AMCP APPE Experiential Program in Association & Leadership Management schedule is designed to be five (5) weeks in duration with a flexible end date. This is designed to fit most APPE schedule requirements. The APPE is intended to be an elective feature of a school or college of pharmacy’s curriculum–based experiential program. Designated pharmacist members of AMCP staff will serve as preceptors within their department area and students will work cross–functionally with all departments. Costs and arrangements for transportation, housing, and meals, etc., are the responsibility of the student pharmacist. There is no stipend or salary associated with the APPE.

Student pharmacists will be exposed to the various facets of AMCP including government affairs, pharmacy affairs, education, and membership. Student pharmacists will learn about the history of the association, its structure, policies and governance. Student pharmacists will participate in various association activities (as opportunities become available), including meetings, conference calls, public hearings, etc. They will complete drug information activities and journal clubs. Dependent upon the interests of the student pharmacist and the needs of AMCP, student pharmacists will engage in a longitudinal project for the duration of their rotation and present their project to AMCP staff and leadership.
Due to the wide variation and changing nature of projects and issues facing managed care pharmacy at any one time, as well as the need to ensure each student has the flexibility to shape their experience according to their interests and goals, specific rotation experiences will vary from student to student.

**Duration and Schedule**

The experience is structured as a full–time five (5) week rotation. The rotation blocks were chosen to align with most experiential calendars. For schools with different experiential calendars, AMCP is flexible and happy to accommodate the school’s specific needs. If these dates do not align with your school’s experiential blocks, please list the date ranges that you would be available for in your application.

**2019–2020 Rotation Schedule**

- Block 1 | 05/20/19 – 06/21/19
- Block 2 | 06/24/19 – 07/26/19
- Block 3 | 07/29/19 – 08/30/19
- Block 4 | 09/02/19 – 10/04/19
- Block 6 | 11/11/19 – 12/13/19
- Block 7 | 01/13/20 – 02/14/20
- Block 8 | 02/17/20 – 03/19/20

*AMCP does not host students during Block 5 and Block 9 due to our Nexus and Annual Meeting.

**Site Logistics**

**Location**
675 N. Washington Street
Ste. 220
Alexandria, VA 22314

**Rotation Hours**
Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM EST

**Preceptor**
- Primary Preceptor
  - Bri Palowitch, PharmD, BCGP
  - Manager of Pharmacy Affairs & New Practitioner Programs
  - (703) 684–2625
  - bpalowitch@amcp.org

**Capacity**
Site can accommodate a maximum of two (2) student pharmacists per rotation block
Preferences
Site may accept student pharmacists from any school or state upon completion of an affiliation agreement with the school.

Affiliation Agreement
An affiliation agreement must be executed between AMCP and the school at least ninety (90) days prior to the start date of the rotation.

Housing
Site does not provide arrangements for transportation, housing, and meals, etc. All expenses are the responsibility of the student pharmacist.

Salary/Stipend
Site does not provide a stipend or salary.

Eligibility & Application Process

Eligibility
Student pharmacists must be enrolled in an ACPE accredited school or college of pharmacy with an anticipated graduation date of 2020.

Application Process
To be eligible for AMCP’s Experiential Program in Association & Leadership Management, interested student pharmacists must apply by December 15, 2018.

Application Requirements
- Completion of APPE application (available at http://amcp.org/amcpappe/)
- 500-word essay explaining your career goals and interest in managed care pharmacy and/or association management.
- Current resume or curriculum vitae, including preferred contact information.
  - Please include 2-3 professional references (including: name, email, phone number) on your resume or CV.

Please Note: All applicants must inform their college or school's experiential coordinator prior to submission.

Selection Process
AMCP staff will review all completed applications and will conduct phone interviews with top candidates. Final notifications for applicants will be sent via email no later than January 15, 2019.
Goals & Objectives

Goals
During this APPE rotation, student pharmacists will:

- **Gain a deeper understanding of the mission, vision, core values, organizational structure, and services of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy**
  - Understand the roles of associations and AMCP
  - Understand the profession of managed care pharmacy and career opportunities
  - Understand the history and structure of associations and AMCP

- **Participate in strategic leadership meetings, both internal and external**
  - Understand the value and importance of working with external stakeholders

- **Identify and analyze high priority issues in managed care pharmacy, and help determine AMCP’s role on these issues**
  - Describe AMCP policy positions
  - Understand the landscape of real world evidence in population health management
  - Describe AMCP initiatives in quality improvement
  - Research areas of importance to AMCP and its members

- **Develop skills in verbal and written communication, information gathering, evaluation, and analysis for use in a future in managed care pharmacy**
  - Appropriately communicate with association staff and members
  - Review and summarize legislative and regulatory proposals
  - Draft comment letters to regulatory agencies such as the FDA, CMS, etc.
  - Understand how to tailor a message dependent upon the audience