On behalf of the University of Houston College of Pharmacy (UHCOP), the Office of Experiential Programs welcomes you to the inaugural edition of the preceptor newsletter. We would like to thank you, our dedicated preceptors, who have served to train and mentor our UHCOP pharmacy students. The Experiential Programs comprises 30% of the UHCOP curriculum and your role as a preceptor is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Through the newsletter, we would like to keep the preceptors abreast of information and events in the area of experiential education. The newsletter will highlight preceptors and provide useful information to preceptors. Content will include primers on experiential topics such as grading, evaluations, and utilization of E*Value. Our goal is to have the resources available to you to make your experience as a preceptor for UHCOP rewarding and enjoyable. We hope you find the newsletter informative and useful. Your input is very much welcomed. Please feel free to submit precepting stories and share your ideas with us.

UH College of Pharmacy Salutes Top Preceptors

UH College of Pharmacy recently recognized student and preceptor excellence for the 2011-12 academic year at the college’s Class of 2012 Graduation Reception.

Recipients of this year’s preceptor awards were:

Sandra Aubert, Walgreens Pharmacy - Community Preceptor of the Year
Allison Torregrossa, Quentin Mease Pharmacy/ Harris County Hospital District - Clinical Preceptor of the Year Award
St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital - Health Systems Site of the Year
Kim Birrcher - Faculty Preceptor of the Year.

Photo above left: SLEH’s (front row) Divya Varkey and Stephen Michaud; Joseph Greco and Craig Frost (second row); (back row) Gregory Laine, Miguel Salazar and Kimberly Putney.
Photo above right: HCHD’s Allison Torregrossa and UHCOP’s Santhi Masilamani
Meet the UHCOP Experiential Team

Nancy Ordonez, PharmD, BCPS
Assistant Dean for Experiential Programs
Nancy Ordonez received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Houston College of Pharmacy and has served as the Director of Institutional APPEs since 2000 prior to her appointment as Assistant Dean for Experiential Programs. She is a member of the Joint Committee on Internship Program, and her area of interests are in Geriatrics and Women’s Health. She is currently working on developing a simulated electronic medical record for experiential training. Prior to joining UHCOP, she worked at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center and was a consultant pharmacist with Pharmerica. Email: nordonez@uh.edu

Santhi Masilamani, PharmD, CDE, MBA
Director, Ambulatory Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs)
Santhi Masilamani served as a Primary Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Harris County Hospital District (HCHD) from 2002 to 2005 and as HCHD Pharmacy Clinical Manager since 2005. Masilamani earned her Pharm.D. and B.S. in Pharmacy from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and her M.B.A. from Texas Woman’s University. She was a recipient of the Houston Area Pharmacy Association Pharmacist of the Year Award and her department at HCHD earned the UH Clinical Preceptor Site of the Year Award. Masilamani’s areas of interests are in medication therapy management, clinical pharmacy management, and services justification. She is currently the PGY1Walgreens and UHCOP Community Pharmacy Residency Director and is one of only 12 national faculty serving on the Health Resource and Services Administration’s Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative. Email: kmasilam@central.uh.edu

Paige Pitman, PharmD, MBA, R.Ph.
Director, Institutional Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs)
Paige Pitman, Pharm.D., M.B.A., has returned to the college as a Clinical Assistant Professor and Director, Institutional Based Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences. She served as a UHCOP faculty member and Director of Admissions and Recruiting from 1999 to 2007, when she joined St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital (SLEH) as Clinical Coordinator for Staff Development before being promoted to Pharmacy Manager. Pitman earned her Pharm.D. from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy, and her M.B.A. and B.S. in Pharmacy from UH. Pitman’s research/academic interests are in hospital pharmacy practice and management and hospital pharmacy practice models, and portfolio. Email: ppitman@uh.edu

Catherine Hatfield, PharmD
Director, Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPE)
Catherine Hatfield is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy and is Director of Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences. She is chair of the assessment committee and oversees the interprofessional education, community wellness events for the College. Dr. Hatfield’s areas of scholarship and research include interprofessional education, assessment, simulation and technology in academic environments. If you have a wellness event or health fair for which you would like our pharmacy students’ help, please contact Dr. Hatfield at chatfield@uh.edu for more details.

Nikki Miller
Program Coordinator for Experiential Programs
Nikki Miller has a Master’s degree in Sociology from Sam Houston State University with a specialization in Community and Leadership. She is the newest member of the Experiential Office. She brings a wealth of experience in human resources, research, and office management to the College. Email:nmmiller5@uh.edu
THE ALPHABET SOUP OF EXPERIENTIAL TRAINING: APPE verses IPPE

IPPEs—INTRODUCTORY PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCES

Practice experiences attained in the first 3 years of pharmacy school or P1, P2, P3 years. They account for not less than 300 hours. A minimum of 150 hours must be spent balanced between community and institutional health system pharmacies. In addition, community wellness events, shadowing, simulation are considered IPPE activities.

APPEs—ADVANCED PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCES

Many preceptors are familiar with the P4 students experiential training and referred to them as “rotations,” “internships,” or “clerkships. Currently, UHCOP students have 7 APPEs that are 6 weeks in length for a total of 42 weeks. APPE students are required to have Community, Hospital, Ambulatory Care, and Internal Medicine as required courses along with 3 electives. Two elective must be patient care APPEs.

E*VALUE PRIMER

Time Tracking – This function allows the students to log in hours for their IPPEs and APPEs. The students must choose the right preceptor as the Supervisor in order for the preceptor to see the hours displayed on their Time Tracking to approve hours logged by pharmacy student. Approve hours by clicking on the red circle in each date or approve all hours by clicking on the red circle on top of calendar.

Choose Time Tracking → Click on Supervision 2.0 → Select a Student → Review Hours → Approve
PRECEPTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, November 10, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
This is the same Preceptor Conference presented in the Spring 2012 UHCOP Preceptor Conference.

Location: University of Houston College of Pharmacy Building
Texas Medical Center 1441 Moursund Street Houston, TX 77030

Training: 3 contact hours (0.3 CEUs)
ACPE Credit; State Board Approved CE for Texas preceptors
(Parking is available in TMC garages at your own expense. Parking at Garage 10 at 6700 MD Anderson Blvd Houston TX 77030 is the nearest parking to the UH College of Pharmacy building. TMC Garage 10 is at the corner of Holcombe and MacGregor. Another parking is at Garage 6 at 1329 Moursund St. Houston, TX 77030 – just down the street from UH College of Pharmacy)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.     Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.    Update on Experiential Programs: APPEs, IPPEs, Legal
9:30 – 9:40 a.m.    Break
9:40 – 10:30 a.m.  Dealing with Challenging Students
10:30 – 10:40 a.m. Break
10:40 – 11:30 a.m. Learning Styles

Upon completion of course the preceptor should be able to:
Describe the recent updates in the experiential programs in the college of pharmacy
Explain the tools for electronic management of experiential training.
Describe the TSBP requirements for preceptors.
Define types of challenging students
Develop strategies for managing challenging experiential students to insure best outcomes
Define and determine learning styles and applicability to experiential training

No registration fee is charged for the Preceptor Conference, but advance registration is needed for space reservations. Since space is limited, please REGISTER ONLINE using this link: http://uhcop.us.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_25m78dY1Hdvf13L by November 2, 2012. Please contact Nikki Miller at the Office of Experiential Programs at 713-795-8337 or uhcopexp@uh.edu.

The Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. This Knowledge-based continuing professional education program (0156-9999-12-114-L04-P) provides 3.0 contact hours (0.3 CEUs) of continuing pharmacy education. This program’s accreditation expires on May 5, 2015. To
Annual Residency Showcase

The University of Houston College of Pharmacy will be holding its Annual Residency Showcase Friday, November 2, 2012 from 2:30 – 5:00. This is a time that students may meet with Residency Directors and Pharmacy Residents in a smaller arena than the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and with programs located in Texas and surrounding states. The event is open to all Pharm.D. students in the Houston-Galveston area. This event is hosted by the UHCOP Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists and is generously sponsored by the Gulf Coast Society of Health-System Pharmacists. If you need additional information, please contact Dr. Paige Pitman at ppitman@uh.edu.

Location: Trevisio Restaurant & Conference Center 6th floor
John P. McGovern Texas Medical Center Commons
6550 Bertner  Houston, Texas 77030 (corner of Bertner & Moursund)

2012 Fall Career Recruitment Event

This is the annual recruitment event for P1 and P4 students.

October 31, 2012 – P1 Networking Social
P1 students will meet network with companies who are offering internships after the P1 year. 
Please contact Student Services at 713-743-1239 for more information

November 1, 2012 – P4 Placement Conference
P4 students will interview with prospective employers.
Please contact Office of Experiential Programs at 713-795-8337 for information

Location—To Be Determined
Big Changes to Clinical Seminar for 2012-13

The course has been revised for the 2012-2013 academic year. Students will write an abstract, present a platform presentation, and develop a scientific poster on an original research or systematic literature review on various pharmacy-related topics. The students may work with faculty and preceptors on their clinical seminar. This is an opportunity for the students to gain experience in research methodology, review of literature, and presenting in various formats. The revised structure will hopefully foster collaboration between students, faculty and preceptors on projects that are mutually beneficial. As preceptors, you are welcome to attend seminars and participate in evaluating the students. Below are the dates and times for the seminar presentations. The seminars are held at the UHCOP Texas Medical Center campus. If you are interested in working with a P4 student or help with evaluations of presentations, please contact Nancy Ordonez at nordonez@uh.edu.

Clinical Seminar will be held at the UHCOP TMC campus. Preceptors are welcome to attend and participate

Topics will be posted on E*value and Experiential website.
Dates and Times for Clinical Seminar (may be subject to change)

- November 2, 2012 8:30 -10:00am
- December 14, 2012 8:30 -10:00am & 1:00 - 3:00pm
- February 15, 2013 10:00 -12:00pm & 2:00 - 4:00pm
- March 29, 2013 1:00 - 4:00pm
- April 5, 2013: 10:00 - 12:00pm

Homecoming Game & Pharmacy Tailgate
Saturday, Nov. 10
Time/location TBA
Contact: Mary Reed, 713-743-1252 or mandress@uh.edu
http://www.uh.edu/homecoming
INTRODUCTORY PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCES

Fall 2012—August through December 2012—IPPE 1 & Professional Development: Student will be doing nursing home visits, shadowing, wellness events, clinic visits

Spring 2012—January 2013 through May 2013—IPPE 2 & Professional Development—Students will be doing their IPPEs at a health-system pharmacy; 4 week blocks

ADVANCED PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCES

APPE 3  
August 13 through September 21, 2012  
August 31  Practical Exams, Preceptor’s Midterm Evaluation of Student  
September 21  On Campus Day (Exams, Orientation, Seminars)  
September 21  Clinical Skills Competition

APPE 4  
September 24 through November 2, 2012  
October 12  Practical Exams, Preceptor’s Midterm Evaluation of Student  
November 1  UHCOP Career Placement Conference  
November 2  On Campus Day (Exams, Orientation, Seminars)  
November 2  Residency Showcase

APPE 5  
November 5 through December 14, 2012  
November 26  Practical Exams, Preceptor’s Midterm Evaluation of Student  
December 14  On Campus Day (Exams, Orientation, Seminars)

APPE 6  
January 7 through February 15, 2013  
January 25  Practical Exams, Preceptor Midterm Evaluation of Student  
February 15  On-Campus Day (Exams, Seminars, TSBP -licensure application and NAPLEX)

APPE 7  
February 18 through March 29, 2013  
March 8  Practical Exams, Preceptor’s Midterm Evaluation of Student  
March 29  Seminars Last Day at “Site”  
April 1-4  Seminars (Tentative)  
April 5  On Campus Day (Exams, Evaluation and Seminars, Wrap-up, Graduation Practice)