

PRN Newsletter

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING SCHOOL OF PHARMACY EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION



What's New

Own the Journey in the New Year

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Hello & Happy New Year!!

It's hard to believe we have started a new year. We hope 2025 was a happy one and that 2026 is an even better year for you. If last year wasn't so great, may your life's journey this year be a positive one.

We have a couple of important pieces of information to share with you in this newsletter. The School of Pharmacy is undergoing a curricular review with changes to the curriculum coming soon. Our chair of the curricular review, Dr. Jessica Richards, shares an update on the process for all to read. We also have a change coming soon to the Experiential Education Office. More information on that can be found below.

UW School of Pharmacy Curriculum Changes

In Fall 2023, the UW School of Pharmacy met with small groups of preceptors, alumni, and other stakeholders to help guide the process of our curricular review. We sincerely thank those of you who took time out of your busy schedules to share your insights on what we are doing well and where we can continue to improve. We would like to update you on the progress made since those meetings and outline our plans moving forward.

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Following those initial sessions, we gathered additional input from faculty and students. The faculty then reviewed all feedback and data and determined that a full curricular redesign was the best path forward. A Curricular Redesign Taskforce was established and met biweekly from Fall 2024 through Spring 2025 to develop a comprehensive proposal.

Key elements of the proposal include:

- Transitioning courses such as medicinal chemistry, pharmacology, therapeutics, and pharmacy skills into an integrated model to better align content.
- Expanding instruction in drug information and literature evaluation.
- Incorporating and strengthening longitudinal curriculum threads, including pharmaceutical calculations.
- Adding key practice skills identified by preceptors and stakeholders.
- Introducing an additional Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) rotation in the fourth year.

The proposal was approved by the faculty in May 2025. The Taskforce is now finalizing the details, with an anticipated implementation date of August 2026.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Taskforce Chair, Jessica Richards, at jpapke@uwyo.edu.

Thank you again for your continued partnership and support as we work to strengthen and improve our curriculum.

Change in Personnel in the Experiential Education Program

Effective February 2nd Antoinette Brown, the Experiential Education Coordinator, will be retiring. We are grateful for her many contributions at UWSOP and wish her all the best as she begins the next chapter. At this time, a replacement has not been found, so Janelle and Kim will be sharing her duties until a new person is in place. Their contact information is:

Janelle Krueger, Experiential Education Director: jkruge1@uwyo.edu/307-766-6030

Kim Snody, Experiential Education Program Coordinator: ksnody@uwyo.edu/307-766-2956

Antoinette would like to thank all the school's amazing preceptors for their dedication and support of the students and school. Because of your dedication and sharing of your talents and expertise students have learned so much and gone on to achieve great things in their own careers. Many, in fact, are now preceptors themselves, which has been a highlight of her career at the UWSOP. She wants to thank everyone for being a part of her incredible journey with the UWSOP. Her time at the UWSOP started first as a student, then as a preceptor, and then lastly as faculty. She has truly valued every moment she has spent in the school and looks forward to hearing about all the great things the school, preceptors, and students will achieve in the coming years.

We hope you find this quarter's PRN informative. Please feel free to share your comments or provide suggestions for future topics in the PRN with the UWSOP Experiential Education program. You can contact us by phone at: 307-766-2956 or by email at: ksnody@uwyo.edu.

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Students may tailor their degree through focused specialty tracks, including:

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2 contact hours

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8 contact hours

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Connect with our coordinator: Jen Paintin, jpaintin@uwyo.edu

Have a wonderful year,

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