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UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING SCHOOL OF PHARMACY EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION



What's New

Coming Soon! Rotation Updates for 2025-2026

UPDATED ROTATION EVALUATION FORMS

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ROTATION GRADING MOVES TO PASS/FAIL

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There are several changes coming to the rotation evaluation process this year. With updated accreditation standards in 2025, the evaluation forms used for both our Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPEs) and Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs) have been updated for the upcoming academic year. In addition to the new accreditation standards, there is also a shift in pharmacy education to assessing student **entrustment** instead of traditional **abilities** for key pharmacist tasks. This allows preceptors to consider the amount of supervision that a student requires for a given activity, or the level of entrustment the preceptor has for the student to complete the task. The UWSOP Experiential Education Office has worked with our colleagues in the Northwest Pharmacy Experiential Consortium (NWPEC) to create an APPE evaluation form that evaluates Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs), as well as global assessment activities. For consistency, our IPPE evaluation form will be similar, but EPA tasks will be geared toward an earlier learner.

In addition to the changes in how students are evaluated, we are also switching our grading system from letter grades to pass/fail. This grading system lends itself well with the incorporation of EPAs into the assessment process. Additionally, a pass/fail grading system is used by most pharmacy programs, so this change will align our grading system with that which is being used nationally.

With this new grading system, the faculty of record for IPPEs/APPEs will consider preceptor evaluations as the primary basis for the successful completion of the rotation. However, grades will be assigned by the School of Pharmacy's faculty of record for all experiential courses.

The EPA categories on the new evaluation include the Pharmacists Patient Care Process (PPCP) and practice essentials such as information expertise, health promotor, operations, safety/quality improvement, and team interactions. The global assessment categories include communication skills, professional skills and attributes, and an overall performance evaluation. The global assessment portion of the evaluation will look familiar, as it is based on what we have used in the past.

Three videos about the new evaluation process have been created to assist in this transition. We encourage you to watch the videos, so you have a better understanding of the changes. The first video details how to use the evaluation and would be the priority to view. The second provides an overview as to how and why the evaluation was changed, and the third reviews the components of the new evaluation, the scales used for EPAs and the global assessment, and the scale used for the overall assessment of the student.

If there are any questions about Entrustable Professional Activities, the pass/fail grading system, evaluation changes as a whole, or anything else, please reach out to us!

Video 1: How to Use the Evaluation: [UWSOP New Eval Forms - Preceptor Overview.mp4](#)

***This video is approximately 10 minutes and will walk you through the new UWSOP rotation evaluation form. While this demonstration highlights our APPE form, the IPPE form (P2 students) will be very similar. If you only have time for one video--watch this one.*

Video 2: The Who, What, Why?: <https://wsu.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=135f4fe1-28ff-4297-8b99-b1490151b979>

***This video is approximately 6 minutes in length and provides an overview of the concept of entrustment and how it relates to rotation activities. It also describes the collaboration among 7 schools of pharmacy to create this shared evaluation tool. This video is hosted by one of our Northwest Pharmacy Experiential colleagues.*

Video 3: The Details of the Revision: <https://wsu.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=79563df7-9b22-4063-8166-b14c0156bed2&start=0>

***This video is approximately 8 minutes in length and reviews the components of the new evaluation. This video is hosted by one of our Northwest Pharmacy Experiential colleagues.*

Please feel free to reach out to the Experiential Education Office with any questions or needs during the academic year. We would be happy to assist you.

All the best,
The University of Wyoming Experiential Education Office

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