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Description

The Pharm.D. curriculum is designed to prepare graduates for entry into the profession of pharmacy as a generalist practitioner in community, institutional, or nontraditional environments. The professional degree program includes four years of courses, the first of which consists of the final year of the B.S.P.S. degree program. The remaining three years constitute the Doctor of Pharmacy program. The first year (P2) occurs on the Oxford campus. The second year (P3) occurs at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. The third and final year (P4) may occur at sites other than the Oxford campus or the UM Medical Center in Jackson. Pharm.D. graduates are eligible to sit for licensure examination (NAPLEX and MPJE), which must be successfully completed to practice the profession of pharmacy.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 114

Goals/Mission Statement

On the professional level, the School of Pharmacy shall foster an environment that enables graduates to acquire the abilities (knowledge, skills, and attitudes) necessary for licensure to enter the practice of pharmacy, to provide pharmaceutical care, and improve the health, well-being, and quality of life of those they serve or to continue studies in areas including, but not limited to, graduate studies, residencies, or fellowships.

General Education Requirements

Refer to general education requirement for B.S.P.S. degree.

Course Requirements

The second professional year (P2) consists of Infectious Disease Intensive (PHCY 5010), eight integrated systems-based modules — Cardiovascular (PHCY 5020), Respiratory (PHCY 5030), Renal (PHCY 5040), Neuromuscular (PHCY 5050), CNS/Psych (PHCY 5060), Endocrine System (PHCY 5070), GI/Nutrition (PHCY 5080), and DERM/EENT (PHCY 5090) —Professional Collaboration and Development III (PRCT 4301) and Professional Collaboration and Development IV (PRCT 4302), two introductory pharmacy practice experiences (PHCY 5100 and PHCY 5500); Pharmacy Practice Applications (PHCY 5301 and PHCY 5302); and at least four credit hours of professional electives.

The third professional year (P3) consists of Multisystem Complex Patient Care I and II (PHCY 6010 and PHCY 6080); three integrated systems-based modules — Hematology/Oncology/Immunology (PHCY 6020), GU/Reproductive (PHCY 6030), and Pediatrics/Geriatrics (PHCY 6040) — Practice Law Application (PHCY 6070); Population Rural Health (PHCY 6080); Professional Collaboration and Development V (PRCT 5301) and Professional Collaboration and Development VI (PRCT 5302); Pharmacy Practice Applications (PHCY 6810 and PHCY 6820); three pharmacy practice experiences (PRCT 6050, PRCT 6500, and PRCT 6510); and at least four credit hours of professional electives.

During the final professional year (P4) each student will participate in five required four-week rotations — Community Pharmacy Practice Experience, Institutional Pharmacy Practice Experience, Adult Medicine Practice Experience, Ambulatory Care Practice Experience, and a selective Ambulatory Care or Adult Medicine — and five four-week elective rotations for a total of 40 weeks of experiential education during the period beginning in June, following completion of the P3 year, and ending April, prior to May commencement of the succeeding year. Students must also register for Personal and Professional Development IV and V (PHCY 6660 and PHCY 6667) during the fall and spring semesters of the P4 year.

Other Academic Requirements

In order to progress in the Doctor of Pharmacy program, all required professional courses must be taken at The University of Mississippi in the sequence defined by the curriculum and maintain a minimum GPA (cumulative on all grades earned) of 2.0 on required professional courses. A student who receives two or more grades below “C” in required courses in any academic year will be dismissed from the program. Students so dismissed from the program will be provided the opportunity to repeat the entire year in order to progress in the curriculum. The University of Mississippi academic forgiveness policy does not apply to professional students receiving grades of less than “C” in courses offered by School of Pharmacy academic departments. A student academically dismissed may only be readmitted one time. No required course may be taken more than two times. All required professional courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better to be eligible for graduation.