International Experience

My rotation in New Zealand was a tremendously broad experience. I got to take part in many different aspects of New Zealand’s national payer health care system. In my most interesting opportunity, I got to spend the day with Pharmac, the group that controls New Zealand’s national formulary. I spent my time with pharmacists, statisticians, economists, and even found myself sitting in on a few meetings with high ranking government officials. Next year I will be completing a residency with Denver Health Hospital and know that my rotations prepared me for a smooth transition into a career.”

Angela Stephan (alumna)

Community Service

“Completing a rotation at the Stout Street Clinic for the Homeless was one of my favorite clinical experiences. The work in the diabetes clinic allowed me to interact with patients one-on-one, apply my clinical skills of diabetes therapeutics, and collaborate directly with other providers. My time there served as a nice capstone to my pharmacy education.”

Kevin Henderson (alumnus)

Interprofessional Collaboration

Interprofessional groups of health professions students practice clinical skills using simulated patients in the campus Center for Advancing Professional Excellence (CAPE), a unique and innovative learning environment designed to facilitate hands-on learning and develop team based health care practices.

Doug Fish, PharmD, chair of the Department of Clinical Pharmacy, volunteered in Rwanda as part of the University of Colorado’s Global Health Initiative. He conducted evening rounds, conducted lectures and discussed patient cases with medical students and doctors at the country’s two teaching hospitals.

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Local Impact

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National Engagement

“I really enjoyed the rotation at the FDA. There are numerous opportunities for pharmacists at the FDA and in other government agencies (e.g., NIH, CDC, EPA, Federal Health Service, Federal Bureau of Prisons and others). The rotation provided exposure to many of these career options and would be suitable for anyone who is curious about non-traditional opportunities in pharmacy.” - Kevin Kerr (alumnus)

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Historical Prominence

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Institutional Profile

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School of Pharmacy (PharmD) Program

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- Interprofessional team building
- Professional skills development
- Patient care

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Admissions Requirements

The PharmD curriculum totals 90 semester hours, which includes core courses, pre-pharmacy coursework, and general education courses. The University takes action to increase ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity, to employs qualified disabled individuals, and to provide equal opportunity to all students and employees.

Admissions

Acceptance into the University of Colorado School of Pharmacy PharmD program is competitive and applicants will be evaluated based on a variety of skills, attributes and achievements. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status in admission and access to, and treatment and employment in, its educational programs and activities. The University takes action to increase ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity, to qualify employed disabled individuals, and to provide equal opportunity to all students and employees.

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- An education zone with high-tech facilities for preparing future health professionals
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- A clinical care zone, where hundreds of 500,000 patients per year comprised of the University of Colorado Hospital, The Children’s Hospital, and the soon-to-be-completed Denver Veterans Administration Hospital

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An impressive track record in research and clinical care

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