

Student Guidelines for Practicum III/IV Clinical Experiences

1. The student must exhibit a professional appearance both in manner and dress. The student must adhere to the standards of dress and behavior specified by the preceptor to whom he or she is assigned. This information will be obtained during the site orientation. Most of the time this will include dress shirt and pants with tie for males, and dress, or dress shirt and pants or skirt for females. In addition you should wear your College of Pharmacy lab coat, and your health center identification badge unless instructed otherwise. Jewelry should be limited to a watch, one pair of simple earrings and two rings. (No gold or silver chains)
2. Students are responsible for their own transportation to the sites. Some sites will have multiple students at the same time so carpooling will be possible for these. If you will be driving to your site ask about parking during the site orientation session.
3. The student shall identify him or herself as a Student at all times.
4. The student is obligated to respect any and all confidences revealed during the assignment including pharmacy records, medical records, fee systems, professional policies, etc.
5. The student must keep in mind that the primary objective of the Practicum courses is learning and that learning is not a passive process but requires a deep and active commitment on the student's part.
6. The student should recognize that the optimum learning experience requires mutual respect and courtesy between the instructor(s) and themselves.
7. The student should encourage communication with all persons involved in the Practicum including the preceptor(s), physicians, other health professionals and patients.
8. A student should never publicly question the advice or directions of the preceptor, but discuss any disagreements in private. All criticism should be viewed as a means of learning.
9. The student should question any activity which appears to be in conflict with state or federal drug laws and regulations. Report any problems to your preceptor or the Director of Experiential Programs
10. When making professional judgments the student should first discuss alternatives with a pharmacist supervisor.
11. The student should take the initiative in communicating with physicians and patients but should discuss professional decisions with pharmacist supervisor prior to carrying them out.