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MINER RX NUGGET

Updates for the preceptors of the University of Texas at El Paso School of Pharmacy

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UTEP White Coat Ceremony

Class of 2026
Calendar:
Oct. 16-22 - National Pharmacy Week
Nov. 3rd - 2022 SoP Residency Showcase
Nov. 8th - PET Quarterly Meeting & Preceptor Recognition Dinner
Nov. 24-25th - Thanksgiving Holiday - University Closed
Dec. 24-Jan. 1st - Christmas Holiday Break - University Closed

Upcoming Rotation Dates:
2022 Fall IPPE
Aug. 3 - Dec. 4: Week 1-15
2022-23 APPE
Sep. 26 - Nov. 4: APPE 4
Nov. 7 - Dec. 16: APPE 5
Jan. 9 - Feb. 17: APPE 6
Feb. 20 - Mar. 31: APPE 7
Apr. 3 - May 12: APPE 8

Update your calendar:
Send us your events!

Announcements

UTEP Homecoming Tailgate Party
There is still time to join the UTEP Alumni Association and School of Pharmacy at the Homecoming Tailgate Party. Come celebrate the culmination of Homecoming week with your family and fellow alumni on Saturday, October 29 at Kidd Field from 4 to 6:30 p.m. before you make your way to the Sun Bowl and cheer on the Miners.

DETAILS AND TAILGATE TICKETS

Calling for 2023-24 IPPE/APPE Availability
We are currently calling out for 2023-24 IPPE/APPE Availability. Summer IPPE Community/Hospital rotations start on May 29th 2023 until August 18th 2023. APPE rotations start on May 22nd 2023 until May 10th 2024.

Please notify the OEE department at exedpharmacy@utep.edu if you are available to take students. We will be happy to assist in collecting your availability.

Thank you in advance for supporting our students!

Thank you Preceptors!
CORE ELMS Corner

Ability For Students and Preceptors To Email Each Other Through CORE ELMS

A new setting allows for students and Preceptors to email each other directly in CORE ELMS. When the student or Preceptor goes into their schedule page, they will have an option to email the user. Users will also be able to reply directly from the email itself. All communication will be logged under the Messaging Center module and it is broken out between normal messages and conversations to make viewing easier.

**Step 1.**
Select the "Send Email" button next to the students name.

**Step 2.**
Compose communication with Title and Message and click "SEND" A copy of the message will appear in the recipients native email inbox as well as their CORE ELMS Messaging Center. To respond the recipient will be prompted to log into CORE ELMS and compose a response in the Messaging Center.
11 Ways to Celebrate Pharmacy Week

Pharmacy Week is a time to reflect on your accomplishments and celebrate one of the best professions in health care. It's also a good time to reach out to patients, appreciate everyone who makes your pharmacy tick, and consider ways to improve your pharmacy's operations in the future.

We know that pharmacists are busy and don't have much time to cook up elaborate schemes and promotions for the week of October 16-22. That's why we're providing 11 suggestions to celebrate Pharmacy Week that will boost awareness of the profession and strengthen your pharmacy team without taking up too much of your valuable time:

Show thanks to your staff or co-worker

Taking a few minutes to express your sincere appreciation to your staff or co-workers is probably one of the easiest and most important things you can do in observance of Pharmacy Week. It's not even necessary to make a grand, expensive, time-consuming gesture. Schedule time to have some fun as a group. Although it can be difficult to get everyone together at the same time due to work schedules and patient needs, try to arrange an after-work happy hour, pre-work breakfast, or another type of off-the-clock event.

Schedule special events for patients

Whether you're hosting a meet and greet with the pharmacy staff or providing free blood pressure screenings, offering a few community events goes a long way toward boosting public relations.

Decorate

Work with your co-workers to create a special display in the pharmacy to promote Pharmacy Week. It'll show your patients that pharmacists have a fun side and boost morale among pharmacy employees.
Reach out to senior citizens
Senior citizens tend to take several medications at once, so it might be a good idea to review their medication history and check in with them to find out if they have any questions about their medications. You could also offer to answer questions about Medicare or prescription drug discount programs.

Participate in a community event
Organize a team of co-workers to walk a 5K, donate to a charity, or volunteer for a community event. This is not only great exposure for your pharmacy, but also great exercise and team-building opportunity. Registration is currently open for the 12th Annual Miner Dash 5K Run/3K Walk occurring from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday, October 23, 2022 at UTEP’s Centennial Plaza as part of the kick off for the UTEP’s Homecoming Festivities.

Invest in yourself
Take some time to take an online continuing education (CE) course, read a journal article, or attend a seminar to learn more about a topic that interests you. Your patients will also benefit from your greater knowledge.

Advocate for pharmacy issues
From patient privacy protections to increased funding for prescription drug payment assistance, there are many important issues in the pharmacy community that need attention from legislators and community leaders. Write a letter, send an e-mail, or sign a petition in support of a health care-related issue that you feel strongly about.
Offer freebies

Consider handing out pens, samples, care packages, or other goodies to your patients as a gesture of goodwill, if your pharmacy's budget allows.

Develop or revise promotional materials

Do you get a ton of questions about the same medication week in and week out? Pharmacy Week is an excellent time to review your current publications and determine whether any information needs to be updated or created.

Partner with local businesses and organizations

If pharmacy policy allows, offer to distribute flyers that promote health-related events or offers for local business, such as health clubs, retail stores, or restaurants. Ask whether the local business would reciprocate by distributing pharmacy-related materials to their customers.

Create a “suggestion box” for employees and/or patients

Take suggestions on how pharmacy operations can be improved in the future. Then, actually consider the suggestions and implement those that are feasible.

You don't have to have hours of free time or a huge budget to celebrate Pharmacy Week. When it comes to outreach and public relations, a little effort goes a long way.
New Additions to UTEP School of Pharmacy

The UTEP School of Pharmacy welcomes the new Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Dr. Scott Weston. Dr. Weston spent several years as a research scientist in computational chemistry & biology in the biopharmaceutical industry before transitioning into academic pharmacy. His experience in academia includes being a part of the launch of three new schools of pharmacy (at South University, the University of the Incarnate Word, and Harding University) and serving as a faculty member and administrator at several universities. Dr. Weston has experience with a range of different curricular models (semester-based, year-round, integrated basic/clinical, etc.).

Want to get more involved? Join our Preceptor Excellence Team!

The Preceptor Excellence Team is a great way to be more involved in items focusing on developing, recruiting, retaining, evaluating and recognizing preceptors. Reach out to Jackie Navarrete at jpnnavarrete@utep.edu if you are interested in being part of the PET team.

This is a quarterly publication of the UTEP Office of Experiential Education/Preceptor Excellence Team. We’d love to hear from YOU - article ideas, events, awards/achievements/celebrations, or interested in becoming more involved. Contact the OEE/PET: exedpharmacy@utep.edu