



IMPORTANT DATES

PY4 Career Workshop	August 8
Rotation 3 Start	August 9
PY3 Orientation	August 10-12
Labor Day	Sept. 5
Rotation 3 Finish	Sept. 9
Rotation 4 Start	Sept. 12
PY4 Seminar	Sept. 26

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APPE Notes

August 8 - PY4 Career Workshop

PY4 students will be attending an all day career workshop in Jackson on August 8th and will not be reporting to rotations on this day. The first day for Rotation 3 will begin the following day, August 9th.

September 5 - Labor Day

Labor Day is recognized by the University as a school holiday and students will not be reporting to rotations on this day. Rotations will resume the following day, September 6th.

IPPE Notes

PY3 students will begin their Block I IPPE rotations toward the end of August. We are wrapping up the scheduling process for those rotations and will have those available very shortly to the preceptors that work with the PY3 class.

Block I Weeks

August 22 - 26, 2011

August 29 - Sept. 2, 2011

Sept. 12 - 16, 2011

Sept. 19 - 23, 2011

Sept. 26 - 30, 2011

On the "Pathway"

Have your students mentioned their "Pathway Projects" to you? Have you heard all students will be required to design and conduct a research project? We are here to help you and your students through the process so we can all learn from their successes.

The Pharmacy Practice Pathway is a comprehensive project to guide students from their first professional year in pharmacy school to their last experiential year to search literature, discover their interests, ask a question and explore the answers to that question through a research project.

Research projects designed by students so far have included surveys of Mississippi pharmacists regarding "green" disposal of returned medications, gauging diabetes management patients' attitudes towards different styles of diabetes education presentations, and even interviewing other students about changes in their eating and exercise habits throughout pharmacy school.

The sky is the limit for these projects and can benefit you and your practice site as well. Look around your

pharmacy. Is there a workflow issue affecting efficiency? Have several of your patients asked about a study in the news or a new OTC product? Have you hosted a health fair or flu shot clinic and noticed any issues? Encourage your PY1 and PY2 IPPE students (or employed interns) to observe these situations as opportunities to investigate through their Pathway Projects.

You may even be approached by a student who has heard about your innovative practice. They may ask about conducting a project in your pharmacy or with your patients. Consider this as an opportunity for you to find out more about your practice and to identify areas that are succeeding or may need more work.

We appreciate all that our preceptors contribute to our student pharmacists education and thank you for the partnerships that will be formed through these Pathway Projects. If you have any questions about the Pathway Projects, please don't hesitate to contact Katie McClendon, PharmD, at kmccclendon@umc.edu.