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

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UTEP School of Pharmacy 2024 Graduating Class



On May 12th 2024 the School of Pharmacy celebrated it's 4th cohort.

Congratulations Class of 2024!

Calendar:

Aug. 13th - PET Quarterly Meeting

Aug. 26th - Fall Classes Begin

Sep. 2nd - Labor Day (University closed)

Upcoming Rotation Dates:

2024 Summer IPPE

July 8 - 19: IPPE Block 4

July 22 - Aug. 2: IPPE Block 5

Aug. 5 - 16: IPPE Block 6

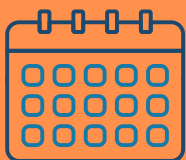
2024-25 APPE

Aug. 12 - Sep. 20: APPE 3

Sep. 23 - Nov. 1: APPE 4

Nov. 4 - Dec. 13: APPE 5

Update your calendar:
Send us your events!



Announcements



Calling for 2024 Fall Didactic IPPE Availability



We are currently calling out for 2024 Fall Didactic Availability. Fall Didactic rotations run from August 26th until December 8th.

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!



On Demand Preceptor CEImpact Updated 2024 Access Code

As an active UTEP SOP preceptor, it is important to us that you maintain your Preceptor status with the Texas State Board of Pharmacy. To promote this, on-demand continuing education (CE) programs through CEImpact have been made available to you at no cost. For the new 2024 CEImpact access code and a list of TCEP approved CEImpact courses, please reference the documents under the Preceptor Resources section of your CORE Elms home page. Locate the "External Resources" link at the bottom of the left-bound menu on your CORE ELMS Home page for CEImpact log in instructions.

Thank you Preceptors!

2023-24 Preceptors of the Year

It is our pleasure to recognize the recipients of the Preceptor of the Year Award as voted on by the School of Pharmacy students.



Dr. Laura Quijas
Alameda Thrifty
Pharmacy

**IPPE Community
Preceptor of the Year**



Dr. Ivan Pierce
El Paso Children's
Hospital

**IPPE Hospital
Preceptor of the Year**

Dr. Vicki Howe
UTEP School of
Pharmacy

**APPE Faculty
Preceptor of the Year**



Dr. Michelle Camarillo
The Hospitals of
Providence

**APPE Non-Faculty
Preceptor of the Year**



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 Amanda Loya at amloya1@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

CORE ELMS Corner

COMPLETING NEW APPE MIDPOINT ROTATION EVALUATIONS

For the 2024-25 APPE year the Office of Experiential Education has implemented a new APPE Midpoint Evaluation in an effort to improve assessment of student progress and help identify areas of concern prior to the end of the rotation. To assist you in completing the new Midpoint evaluation, we have also created this 2 minute video "[Completing Midpoint Evaluations](#)".

Step 1:

To start, please review the "**For Preceptors**" section of the evaluation to establish the minimum expectation students must achieve to receive a passing grade for this rotation. The minimum competency description provided in this section will be unique to each rotation type.

Please complete the Midpoint APPE evaluation by assessing the student's ability to complete the EPAs as outlined in the rotation syllabus based on the Entrustment Scale below. This feedback will allow for timely intervention if needed to support student success.

To assist you, watch this 2 minute "[Completing Midpoint Evaluations](#)" video to guide you on how to best complete this evaluation.

Please complete the midpoint evaluation by the END OF WEEK 3.

For Preceptors: At this point in the rotation, you should have reviewed the course syllabus, expectations, and EPAs with the student for Ambulatory Care APPE rotation. Below is the entrustment scale utilized to evaluate the level of entrustment at which the student should complete the EPAs for the Ambulatory Care rotation.

For the Ambulatory Care APPE, students must meet the minimum level of "Reactive Supervision" on (8/11) of the EPAs in addition to maintaining Professional Expectations as outlined by EPA 15.

How to apply scoring

Levels of Expectancy:	Observe Only	Direct Supervision	Reactive Supervision	Intermittent Supervision	General Direction
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Step 2:

Identify and select all EPA's which the student is completing at or above the expected level of "Reactive Supervision".

Then select the EPAs that the student is NOT completing at the expected level of "Reactive Supervision" of entrustment (if any).

Step 3:

Based on the student's progress and the number of EPA's the student is completing at the expected level of "Reactive Supervision", please indicate if the student is **ON TRACK TO PASS** or **NOT ON TRACK TO PASS**.

If the student is not on track to pass, CORE Elms will notify the APPE Clinical Coordinator to intervene and discuss a plan to get the student back on track.

Is this student on track to PASS this APPE based on the syllabus and the EPAs for this rotation?

On Track to Pass
 Not on Track to Pass

(Remember - students must meet the minimum level of "Reactive Supervision" on (8/11) of the EPAs in addition to maintaining Professional Expectations as outlined by EPA 15.)

Question Comments : *Comment Required

Enter comments

Featured Article

CDC Recommends Updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 and Flu Vaccines for Fall/Winter Virus Season

Published by the CDC on June 27th 2024

“Today, CDC recommended the updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines and the updated 2024-2025 flu vaccines to protect against severe COVID-19 and flu this fall and winter.

It is safe to receive COVID-19 and flu vaccines at the same visit. Data continue to show the importance of vaccination to protect against severe outcomes of COVID-19 and flu, including hospitalization and death. In 2023, more than 916,300 people were hospitalized due to COVID-19 and more than 75,500 people died from COVID-19. During the 2023-2024 flu season, more than 44,900 people are estimated to have died from flu complications.

Updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendation

CDC recommends everyone ages 6 months and older receive an updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine to protect against the potentially serious outcomes of COVID-19 this fall and winter whether or not they have ever previously been vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine. Updated COVID-19 vaccines will be available from Moderna, Novavax, and Pfizer later this year. This recommendation will take effect as soon as the new vaccines are available.

The virus that causes COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2, is always changing and protection from COVID-19 vaccines declines over time. Receiving an updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine can restore and enhance protection against the virus variants currently responsible for most infections and hospitalizations in the United States. COVID-19 vaccination also reduces the chance of suffering the effects of Long COVID, which can develop during or following acute infection and last for an extended duration.

Last season, people who received a 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine saw greater protection against illness and hospitalization than those who did not receive a 2023-2024 vaccine. To date, hundreds of millions of people have safely received a COVID-19 vaccine under the most intense vaccine safety monitoring in United States history.

Featured Article

Updated 2024-2025 Flu Vaccine Recommendation

CDC recommends everyone 6 months of age and older, with rare exceptions, receive an updated 2024-2025 flu vaccine to reduce the risk of influenza and its potentially serious complications this fall and winter. CDC encourages providers to begin their influenza vaccination planning efforts now and to vaccinate patients as indicated once 2024-2025 influenza vaccines become available.

Most people need only one dose of the flu vaccine each season. While CDC recommends flu vaccination as long as influenza viruses are circulating, September and October remain the best times for most people to get vaccinated. Flu vaccination in July and August is not recommended for most people, but there are several considerations regarding vaccination during those months for specific groups:

- Pregnant people who are in their third trimester can get a flu vaccine in July or August to protect their babies from flu after birth, when they are too young to get vaccinated.
- Children who need two doses of the flu vaccine should get their first dose of vaccine as soon as it becomes available. The second dose should be given at least four weeks after the first.
- Vaccination in July or August can be considered for children who have health care visits during those months if there might not be another opportunity to vaccinate them.
- For adults (especially those 65 years old and older) and pregnant people in the first and second trimester, vaccination in July and August should be avoided unless it won't be possible to vaccinate in September or October.

Updated 2024-2025 flu vaccines will all be trivalent and will protect against an H1N1, H3N2 and a B/Victoria lineage virus. The composition of this season's vaccine compared to last has been updated with a new influenza A(H3N2) virus.

For more information on updated COVID-19 vaccines visit: [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) | CDC](#). For more information on updated flu vaccines visit: [Seasonal Flu Vaccines | CDC](#).

The following statement is attributable to CDC Director Dr. Mandy Cohen:

“Our top recommendation for protecting yourself and your loved ones from respiratory illness is to get vaccinated,” said Mandy Cohen, M.D., M.P.H. “Make a plan now for you and your family to get both updated flu and COVID vaccines this fall, ahead of the respiratory virus season.”

Source: [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)