Survey of Dual Degree and Accelerated Second Degree Programs for Pharmacy Students

A dual degree program allows PharmD students to concurrently enroll in another degree program, either professional (e.g., PA, JD), advanced (e.g., MBA, MPH), or research-based (e.g., MS, PhD), under predictable conditions (e.g., designated curricular timetable), permitting the student to complete both degrees either simultaneously or in less time than is normally required to complete the two degree programs if taken sequentially. A dual degree program is approved and recognized by the appropriate university authority. Pharmacy students may enroll directly into a dual degree program, or may be required to separately apply to and enroll in the other academic component of the dual degree program.

1. Does your college/school of pharmacy offer dual degree programs?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please answer the following questions. If no, skip to question 8.

2. Which of the following dual degree programs are available to your PharmD students? Check all that apply:

☐ PharmD/MS (pharmaceutics, medicinal chemistry, pharmacology)
☐ PharmD/MS (social/administrative/economic sciences)
☐ PharmD/MS (clinical sciences)
☐ PharmD/MBA (business administration)
☐ PharmD/MPH (public health)
☐ PharmD/MPA (public administration)
☐ PharmD/JD (law)
☐ PharmD/PA (physician assistant)
☐ PharmD/PhD (pharmaceutics, medicinal chemistry, pharmacology)
☐ PharmD/PhD (social/administrative/economic sciences)
☐ PharmD/PhD (clinical sciences)
☐ PharmD/other, please specify

3. List the number of PharmD students currently enrolled in a dual degree program at your institution.

☐ PharmD/MS (pharmaceutics, medicinal chemistry, pharmacology)
☐ PharmD/MS (social/administrative/economic sciences)
☐ PharmD/MS (clinical sciences)
☐ PharmD/MBA (business administration)
☐ PharmD/MPH (public health)
☐ PharmD/MPA (public administration)
☐ PharmD/JD (law)
☐ PharmD/PA (physician assistant)
☐ PharmD/PhD (pharmaceutics, medicinal chemistry, pharmacology)
☐ PharmD/PhD (social/administrative/economic sciences)
☐ PharmD/PhD (clinical sciences)
☐ PharmD/other, please specify
4. List the number of students who have graduated with from each of the applicable dual degree programs in the last three academic years.

- [ ] PharmD/MS (pharmaceutics, medicinal chemistry, pharmacology)
- [ ] PharmD/MS (social/administrative/economic sciences)
- [ ] PharmD/MS (clinical sciences)
- [ ] PharmD/MBA (business administration)
- [ ] PharmD/MPH (public health)
- [ ] PharmD/MPA (public administration)
- [ ] PharmD/JD (law)
- [ ] PharmD/PA (physician assistant)
- [ ] PharmD/PhD (pharmaceutics, medicinal chemistry, pharmacology)
- [ ] PharmD/PhD (social/administrative/economic sciences)
- [ ] PharmD/PhD (clinical sciences)
- [ ] PharmD/other, please specify

5. Why does your college/school of pharmacy offer (a) dual degree program(s)? Number from 1-7, in order of importance (with one (1) being most important and seven (7) being least important). Use NA if the reason was not applicable to the decision making.

- [ ] Provide an additional means to attract and recruit excellent students.
- [ ] Prepare dual degree graduates for alternative non-academic pharmacy careers.
- [ ] Prepare dual degree graduates for a non-pharmacy career.
- [ ] Prepare dual degree graduates for an academic pharmacy career.
- [ ] Fulfill identified need in the state or locality where college/school is located.
- [ ] Fulfill student demand for a specific dual degree program option.
- [ ] Other, please specify.

6. In your opinion, what are the major reasons why students enroll in dual degree programs? Number from 1-6, in order of importance (with one (1) being most important and six (6) being least important). Use NA if you think a reason is not applicable to the decisions of your students.

- [ ] Permits completion of two degrees in less time.
- [ ] Prepares students for career(s) within pharmacy profession/academia.
- [ ] Prepares students for career(s) outside pharmacy profession/academia.
- [ ] Offers the academic challenge of completing dual degree program.
- [ ] Broadens employment opportunities upon graduation from dual degree programs.
- [ ] Other, please specify

7. Do you actively promote the availability of dual degree programs to prospective students in your written recruitment/application materials or on your college/school web site pages directed towards prospective students?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
An **accelerated second degree** program or **curricular tracking** option provides PharmD students opportunity to take specified elective or advanced coursework or engage in supervised activities (e.g., research) that will prepare them for admittance to and/or accelerated completion of another professional, advanced, or research degree or certificate program after receipt of their PharmD degree. A PharmD student participating in an **accelerated second degree** program or **curricular tracking** option is not concurrently enrolled in two programs.

8. Does your college/school of pharmacy offer an accelerated second degree program or curricular tracking option which provides PharmD students the opportunity to take electives in other academic units that can accelerate their completion of another professional (e.g., PA, JD) or advanced (e.g., MBA, MPH) degree at your university after completion of the PharmD degree?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please answer the following questions. If no, skip to question 10.

9. For which of the following programs may students take such electives? Check all that apply:

☐ MBA (business administration)
☐ MPA (public administration)
☐ MPH (public health)
☐ JD (law)
☐ PA (physician assistant)
☐ Other, please specify

10. Does your college/school of pharmacy offer an accelerated second degree program or curricular tracking option which provides PharmD students the opportunity to take electives, advanced courses, or engage in research activities that may accelerate their completion of a research (e.g., MS, PhD) degree at your university after completion of the PharmD degree?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please answer the following question. If no, skip to end.

11. For which of the following programs may students take such electives, advanced courses or participate in supervised research activities?

☐ PharmD/MS (pharmaceutics, medicinal chemistry, pharmacology)
☐ PharmD/MS (social/administrative/economic sciences)
☐ PharmD/MS (clinical sciences)
☐ PharmD/PhD (pharmaceutics, medicinal chemistry, pharmacology)
☐ PharmD/PhD (social/administrative/economic sciences)
☐ PharmD/PhD (clinical sciences)

Person Completing Survey: Name                          E-mail:

12. Would you be willing to be contacted by AACP staff to provide more information on your college/school’s dual-degree or accelerated second degree program(s)?

☐ Yes ☐ No