

PHARMACY ALUMNI SURVEY
2011 SUMMARY REPORT – PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Total number of schools: 27

Total number of responses: 1,193

SECTION I: Demographic Information

1. Gender

	Response Percent	Response Total
Male	36.9%	440
Female	63.1%	753

2. Year of Graduation

	Response Percent	Response Total
2010	24.6%	294
2009	27.9%	333
2008	19.6%	234
2007	13.2%	158
2006	14.6%	174

3. Option that best describes the learning environment/configuration of the curriculum in the Pharm.D. program

	Response Percent	Response Total
Traditional program (4 professional years)	98.2%	1171
Accelerated program (3 professional years; year-round classes)	1.8%	22

4. Option that best describes the learning environment in which you were enrolled.

	Response Percent	Response Total
Main campus	88.9%	1060
Distance/Satellite/Branch campus (enter city, state)	10.6%	126
Web-based program	0.6%	7

5. Postgraduate education/training in addition to Pharm.D. degree.

	Response Percent	Response Total
No postgraduate education/training	NA	681
MBA	NA	40
Master's (other than MBA)	NA	55
Other Professional Doctorate (JD, MD, DDS)	NA	16
PhD	NA	23
Residency in Pharmacy Practice (any type)	NA	359
Specialty Residency (e.g., Drug Information, Pediatric, Primary care)	NA	125
Fellowship	NA	17
Other	NA	56

6. Level of involvement with the Alumni Association

	Response Percent	Response Total
None	67.1%	801
Minimal (occasionally attend functions)	31.3%	374
Moderate (regularly attend functions)	1.0%	12
Heavy (past or present service as an officer or on the board of directors)	0.5%	6

7. Extent of pharmacy employment

	Response Percent	Response Total
Part-time	NA	80
Full time (35 hrs & above)	NA	1075
Not currently practicing	NA	17
No longer in pharmacy profession	NA	4
Student (post graduate education/training)	NA	46

8. State of primary practice	Response Percent	Response Total
N/A	1.1%	13
Alabama	0.8%	9
Alaska	0.5%	6
Amer. Samoa	0.0%	0
Arizona	1.4%	17
Arkansas	0.3%	3
California	2.8%	34
Canal Zone	0.0%	0
Colorado	4.3%	51
Connecticut	1.3%	16
Delaware	0.1%	1
Dis. of Columbia	0.2%	2
Florida	15.8%	188
Georgia	1.8%	22
Guam	0.0%	0
Hawaii	0.4%	5
Idaho	0.8%	9
Illinois	0.8%	10
Indiana	0.3%	3
Iowa	0.5%	6
Kansas	0.6%	7
Kentucky	0.8%	9
Louisiana	0.6%	7
Maine	0.3%	3
Maryland	0.8%	10
Massachusetts	0.8%	10
Michigan	0.5%	6
Midway Islands	0.0%	0
Minnesota	10.3%	123
Mississippi	1.1%	13
Missouri	0.6%	7
Montana	2.5%	30
Nebraska	3.3%	39
Nevada	0.3%	4
New Hampshire	0.0%	0
New Jersey	0.6%	7
New Mexico	0.4%	5
New York	4.1%	49
North Carolina	3.8%	45
North Dakota	1.6%	19
Ohio	1.5%	18
Oklahoma	0.1%	1
Oregon	3.0%	36
Pennsylvania	1.3%	15
Puerto Rico	0.0%	0
Rhode Island	0.2%	2
South Carolina	5.4%	65
South Dakota	2.8%	34
Tennessee	3.2%	38
Texas	7.5%	89
Utah	0.8%	10
Vermont	0.1%	1
Virgin Islands	0.0%	0
Virginia	2.2%	26
W. Virginia	1.3%	15
Wake Islands	0.0%	0

Washington	1.9%	23
Wisconsin	1.8%	22
Wyoming	0.8%	10
9. Setting of primary practice	Response Percent	Response Total
Chain community pharmacy	34.9%	416
Independent community pharmacy	6.0%	71
Hospital	34.9%	416
Clinic-based pharmacy	5.9%	70
Consultant	0.5%	6
Home care	0.7%	8
Nursing home/Long-term care facility	1.3%	16
Academia	5.2%	62
Association management	0.1%	1
Pharmaceutical industry	0.7%	8
Managed care	2.1%	25
Government or regulatory agency	2.8%	33
Other	5.1%	61
10. Pharmacy organization membership	Response Percent	Response Total
APhA	NA	401
ASHP	NA	311
AMCP	NA	16
AACP	NA	36
ACCP	NA	177
ASCP	NA	19
NACDS	NA	2
NCPA	NA	29
State Association	NA	400
None	NA	402
Other	NA	109
11. Level of involvement in most active pharmacy organization	Response Percent	Response Total
Not a member of a pharmacy organization	34.4%	410
Minimal (occasionally attend meetings)	52.0%	620
Moderate (regularly attend meetings, occasionally serve on committees)	9.9%	118
Heavy (regularly serve on committees and/or serve as an officer)	3.8%	45
12. Current or former preceptor	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	52.4%	625
No	47.6%	568
13. Current or former pharmacy school adjunct faculty	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	17.6%	210
No	82.4%	983

SECTION II: Development/Communication

Indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with these statements.					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to Comment
14. The college/school communicates effectively with alumni about college/school activities.	20.1% (240)	64.2% (766)	10.4% (124)	1.5% (18)	3.8% (45)
15. The current Dean is providing leadership in pharmacy.	26.2% (312)	41.1% (490)	5.7% (68)	2.3% (28)	24.7% (295)
16. The current Dean encourages alumni to stay involved.	17.9% (213)	46.3% (552)	14.0% (167)	2.3% (28)	19.5% (233)
17. Since graduation, the college/school has solicited my input/feedback for programmatic improvement.	14.5% (173)	43.3% (516)	28.7% (342)	6.8% (81)	6.8% (81)
When I was a student...					
18. the college/school provided an environment and culture that promoted professional behavior and harmonious relationships among students, faculty, administrators, preceptors and staff.	51.4% (613)	42.6% (508)	4.0% (48)	1.9% (23)	0.1% (1)
19. the faculty, administrators, and staff were committed to developing professionalism, fostering leadership, and to serving as mentors and positive role models.	54.4% (649)	40.6% (484)	3.2% (38)	1.7% (20)	0.2% (2)
20. I knew what the program outcomes were.	47.3% (564)	46.9% (560)	3.9% (46)	0.7% (8)	1.3% (15)
21. the curriculum provided opportunities to engage in active learning (e.g., laboratories, recitations, student portfolios, problem-based learning).	51.2% (611)	44.7% (533)	3.7% (44)	0.4% (5)	0.0% (0)
22. the curriculum was properly sequenced.	33.4% (398)	54.1% (645)	10.6% (126)	1.6% (19)	0.4% (5)
23. I was encouraged to assume responsibility for my own learning.	53.2% (635)	44.4% (530)	1.5% (18)	0.5% (6)	0.3% (4)
24. my coursework prepared me to enter my practice experiences (rotations).	47.0% (561)	47.4% (566)	4.2% (50)	1.1% (13)	0.3% (3)
25. the courses I took prepared me to enter my first pharmacy job.	40.4% (482)	49.5% (590)	7.4% (88)	1.6% (19)	1.2% (14)
26. information was made available to me about additional educational opportunities (e.g. residencies, fellowships, graduate school).	43.2% (515)	48.6% (580)	6.2% (74)	1.4% (17)	0.6% (7)

SECTION III: Curriculum

Indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with these statements.					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to Comment
When I was a student...					
27. pharmacy related elective courses met my needs as a Pharm.D. student.	31.4% (375)	52.5% (626)	11.7% (140)	2.4% (29)	1.9% (23)
28. the college/school provided an adequate number and mix of practice facilities for experiential education (rotations).	40.3% (481)	49.9% (595)	7.7% (92)	1.9% (23)	0.2% (2)
29. the faculty were effective teachers.	39.0% (465)	55.7% (664)	4.4% (52)	0.5% (6)	0.5% (6)
30. the faculty displayed respect for their colleagues and students.	44.8% (534)	49.8% (594)	3.4% (41)	1.5% (18)	0.5% (6)
The PharmD Program prepared me to...					
31. develop and use patient-specific pharmacy care plans.	41.9% (500)	55.1% (657)	2.5% (30)	0.2% (2)	0.3% (4)
32. effectively manage a patient-centered pharmacy practice.	37.3% (445)	53.9% (643)	7.4% (88)	0.7% (8)	0.8% (9)
33. develop disease management programs.	32.1% (383)	54.3% (648)	11.0% (131)	0.5% (6)	2.1% (25)
34. manage the system of medication use.	34.6% (413)	57.4% (685)	6.0% (72)	0.4% (5)	1.5% (18)
35. promote the availability of health promotion and disease prevention initiatives.	34.1% (407)	59.2% (706)	4.9% (59)	0.3% (3)	1.5% (18)
36. communicate with patients, caregivers, and other members of the interprofessional health care team.	47.5% (567)	48.4% (577)	3.7% (44)	0.3% (3)	0.2% (2)
37. search the health sciences literature.	48.8% (582)	46.9% (560)	3.6% (43)	0.5% (6)	0.2% (2)
38. evaluate the health sciences literature.	43.2% (515)	49.7% (593)	6.0% (71)	1.0% (12)	0.2% (2)
39. demonstrate expertise in the area of informatics (resources, devices, and methods required to optimize the acquisition, storage, retrieval, and use of information in pharmacy and healthcare).	29.8% (356)	52.1% (622)	13.8% (165)	2.7% (32)	1.5% (18)
40. apply state and federal laws and regulations to the practice of pharmacy.	33.8% (403)	58.4% (697)	6.4% (76)	1.2% (14)	0.3% (3)
41. maintain professional competence.	49.7% (593)	47.9% (572)	1.6% (19)	0.5% (6)	0.3% (3)

SECTION IV: General Impressions

Indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with these statements.					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to Comment
42. If I were starting my education over today, I would choose pharmacy as a career.	46.3% (552)	38.8% (463)	10.0% (119)	2.3% (27)	2.7% (32)
43. If I were starting my education over today, I would choose the same college/school of pharmacy.	61.4% (733)	28.6% (341)	5.4% (65)	2.1% (25)	2.4% (29)
44. As I reflect on my pharmacy education, I would rate the overall quality of my education experience as very good.	55.7% (665)	37.6% (448)	4.0% (48)	1.4% (17)	1.3% (15)