

Fostering Interdepartmental Synergy Through Engaging Relationships (FISHER)

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Introduction

The Wegmans School of Pharmacy (WSoP) is comprised of two departments: Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacy Practice and Administration (PPA). With 34 faculty members, 10 in pharmaceutical sciences, 20 in Pharmacy Practice and 4 in Pharmacy Administration, collaboration includes scholarship, service, teaching, and social activities.

Discussion

The cohesiveness of the departments allows students to gain insight into professional practice and collaboration, and reinforces academic concepts. These collaborations promote a more productive and efficient working environment for faculty amongst both departments.

Teaching

Science/ Practice	Topics in the pharmaceuticals lab are aligned with content being taught in the therapeutics sequence. Students learn about the clinical application of a medication and then prepare the product in lab and learn the pharmaceutical factors that affect clinical decisions. Collaboration is also evident in coursework related to dosage forms. Science faculty teach about properties of a dosage form while practice faculty teach the application.
Practice/ Admin- istration	Topics taught in the therapeutics sequence are aligned with medical literature examined in the critical evaluation of medical literature course. Students learn the data and evaluate the studies behind the guidelines being utilized in the clinical setting
All Disciplines	All faculty have access to and share exam questions utilizing ExamSoft to ensure consistency across courses.

Service

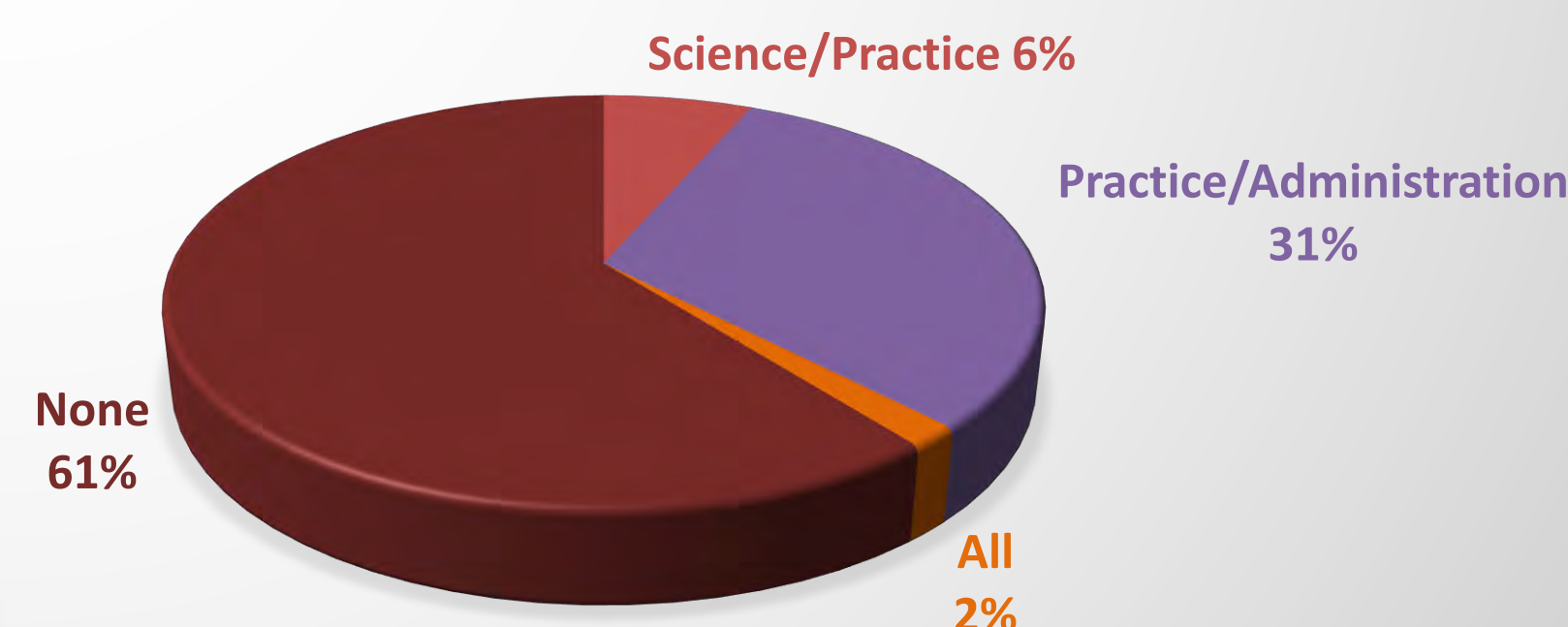
In the past 3 years, 15 faculty across the departments mentored 114 students on 16 service/mission trips.



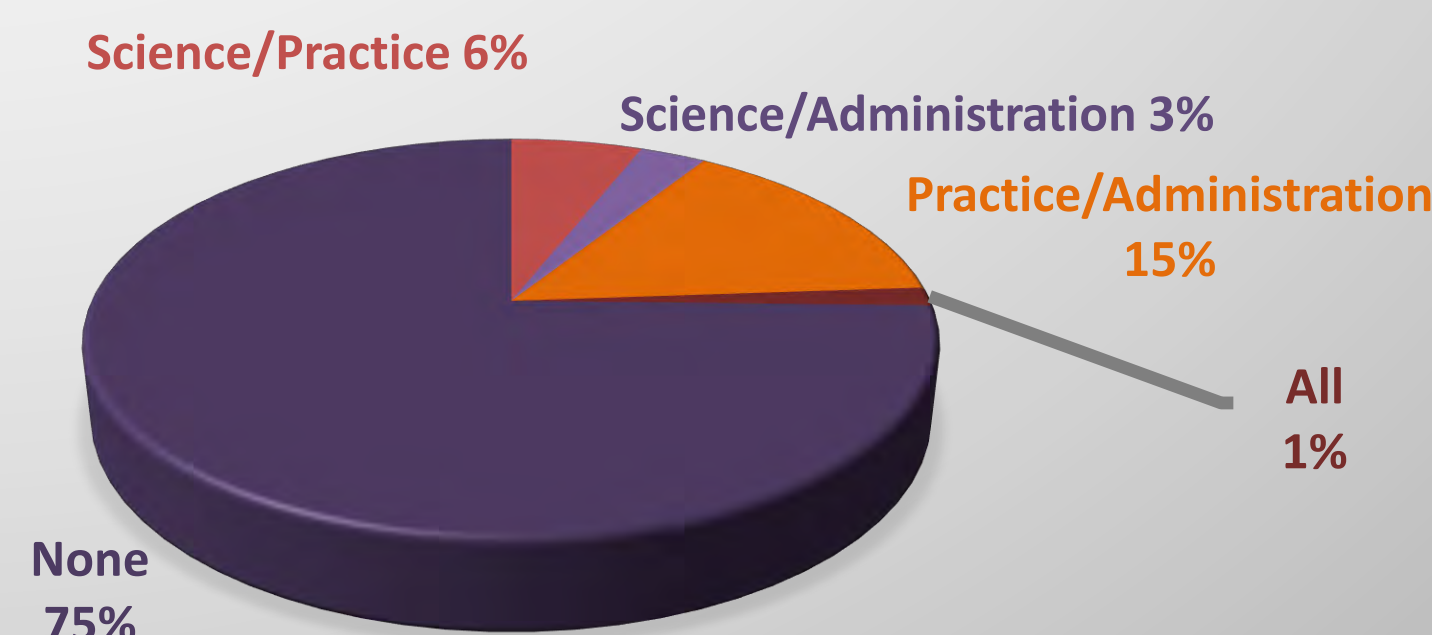
Scholarship

Collaborations across departments were identified for 39% of manuscripts and 25% of posters produced from the school in 2017-2018.

MANUSCRIPT COLLABORATIONS 2017-2018 (N=61)



POSTER COLLABORATIONS 2017-2018 (N=67)



Social

Faculty participate in social activities including an "escape room", baseball games, tailgate social and the Buffalo Bills training camp.

