Experiential Program in Association Management & Leadership

Department Descriptions

Board of Pharmacy Specialties
The Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS), an autonomous division of APhA, is the premier post-licensure certification agency worldwide that operates across the pharmacy profession to provide specialty certification of pharmacists. The BPS team works with the BPS Board of Directors, Specialty Councils, and other stakeholders to develop, maintain, and administer exams and specialty credentials for pharmacists.

Education & Training
The Education & Training team develops continuing pharmacy education (CPE), advanced training, and certificate training programs in immunizations, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, hormonal contraceptives, and much more. In creating and maintaining these resources, the department aims to achieve its goal of developing pharmacists who are well-equipped with the knowledge and materials to provide optimal patient care.

Executive Office & Governance
The Executive Office and Governance team work with the APhA Board of Trustees, the APhA House of Delegates, and other internal and external stakeholders to develop, maintain, and implement APhA’s strategic plan and APhA policies. The team also coordinates APhA Board of Trustees meetings and events to ensure the advancement of APhA initiatives.

Government Affairs
The Government Affairs team monitors and engages in federal legislative and regulatory activities that impact pharmacy and advocates on behalf of the profession. The team also works with members to build APhA’s Political Action Committee (PAC), educates pharmacists and student pharmacists on the importance of grassroots advocacy, and serves as a resource on health policy issues.

Pharmacy Practice & Professional Affairs
The Pharmacy Practice & Professional Affairs team works to advance pharmacy practice by developing tools and resources related to billing and payment, pharmacists’ patient care services, health information technology, team-based care, and much more. The team also oversees the operations of APhA-APPM and APhA-APRS and participates in various external stakeholder groups aimed at advancing pharmacy and health care.

Pharmacy Technician Certification Board
The Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) advances medication safety by certifying technicians who are qualified to support pharmacists and patient care teams in all practice settings. PTCB works with state and national pharmacy associations, boards of pharmacy, and pharmacy technician educators and employers to fulfill its mission. Students will work with the PTCB team and learn about the operational, regulatory, and professional affairs aspects of pharmacy technician certification.

Student & New Practitioner Development
The Student & New Practitioner Development team is responsible for all programs for APhA’s student and new practitioner members, including patient care projects, community outreach events, career and leadership development, and much more. The team also manages the APhA Summer Leadership Institute, APhA Day of NP LIFE, APhA Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies, and the APhA-ASP Midyear Regional Meetings.