

2020 AACP Graduating Student Survey Summary Report

Peer institutions included in this comparison (n=12): University of Arizona, University of California-San Francisco, University of Florida, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Kansas, University of Kentucky, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, University of Minnesota, University of Texas-Austin, University of Washington-Seattle, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ohio State University

Peer institutions not included in this comparison (n=0): N/A

2019 UNC: Response Rate: 98.6% (total number of responses: 136/138)

2020 UNC: Response Rate: 97.3% (total number of responses: 142/146)

2020 Peer Schools (n=12): Response Rate: 80.9% (total number of responses: 1,332/1,646)

2020 All Schools (n=134): Response Rate: 73.2% (total number of responses: 9,902/13,518)

Section I. Required Interprofessional Education

	2019 UNC	2020 UNC	Peers	National
1. What required curricular activities (didactic or experiential) did you participate in where you had the opportunity to learn with other health professions students? (Check all that apply)*				
Lectures	65.4%	52.8%	68.2%	71.8%
Patient-centered case problems	94.9%	94.4%	85.0%	85.8%
Clinical simulations	45.6%	47.2%	79.8%	78.5%
Active engagement with patients	70.6%	65.5%	61.9%	65.4%
Community projects, service learning	39.7%	32.4%	55.0%	59.4%
Team skills training	35.3%	40.1%	61.6%	62.5%
Online course work	27.2%	47.9%	49.6%	48.4%
Clinical labs	32.4%	31.0%	36.5%	46.9%
IPPE	89.0%	87.3%	67.3%	75.1%
APPE	94.1%	96.5%	89.6%	90.8%
Research or Capstone projects	23.5%	22.5%	28.0%	30.3%
Other – Specify:	0.7%	0.0%	2.5%	1.9%
Did not participate in any required interprofessional education activities	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%
2. With which other professions students have you had the opportunity to participate or interact in required educational activities as indicated above? (Check all that apply)*				
Dentistry	88.2%	95.8%	58.6%	33.7%
Nursing	69.1%	63.4%	92.4%	85.2%
Occupational therapy	26.5%	16.9%	38.2%	37.4%
Osteopathic medicine (DO)	29.4%	23.9%	24.6%	34.7%
Allopathic medicine (MD)	62.5%	69.0%	71.9%	54.2%
Physical therapy	36.0%	23.9%	59.8%	52.4%
Physician assistant	61.0%	50.7%	41.0%	55.6%
Psychology	18.4%	11.3%	13.8%	15.6%
Public health	26.5%	23.2%	32.7%	23.4%
Social work	46.3%	33.8%	56.2%	46.8%
Veterinary medicine	7.4%	4.9%	16.1%	7.8%
Other – Specify:	0.0%	0.0%	4.9%	6.6%
Did not participate in any required interprofessional education activities	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%
3. The learning experience with other professions students helped me gain a better understanding of how to be part of a multi-disciplinary team to improve patient outcomes.				
	92.6%	93.6%	92.0%	93.6%

Section II. Professional Competencies/Outcomes/Curriculum

The Pharm.D. Program prepared me to...	2019 UNC	2020 UNC	Peers	National
<i>Domain 1: Foundational Knowledge</i>				
4. Apply knowledge from the foundational pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences to the provision of patient care.	87.5%	99.3%	97.2%	97.7%
5. Apply knowledge from the clinical sciences to the provision of patient care.	95.6%	99.3%	97.9%	98.4%
6. Evaluate scientific literature.	95.6%	100.0%	95.1%	95.3%
<i>Domain 2: Essentials for Practice</i>				
7. Provide medication expertise as part of patient-centered care.	95.6%	100.0%	97.9%	98.5%
8. Optimize the safety and efficacy of medication use systems (e.g., dispensing, administration, effects monitoring) to manage patient healthcare needs.	92.7%	98.6%	97.7%	97.8%
9. Design strategies to manage chronic disease and improve health and wellness.	97.8%	100.0%	98.1%	98.0%
10. Assess the health needs of a given patient population.	94.1%	100.0%	96.3%	97.1%
11. Provide patient-centered care based on evidence-based practices.	98.5%	100.0%	98.5%	98.7%
<i>Domain 3: Approach to Practice and Care</i>				
12. Design, implement and evaluate viable solutions to patient care problems.	97.8%	99.3%	97.6%	97.9%
13. Use effective strategies to educate patients, healthcare professionals and caregivers to improve patient care.	97.1%	100.0%	98.6%	98.4%
14. Advocate for the patient's best interest.	95.6%	97.2%	97.6%	97.6%
15. Engage as a member of an interprofessional healthcare team.	95.6%	97.2%	97.3%	97.1%
16. Identify cultural disparities in healthcare.	86.8%	90.8%	92.8%	93.1%
17. Recognize and address cultural disparities in access to and delivery of health care.	86.8%	88.1%	91.3%	92.4%
18. Effectively communicate (verbal, non-verbal, written) when interacting with individuals, groups and organizations.	98.5%	98.6%	98.0%	97.7%
<i>Domain 4: Personal and Professional Development</i>				
19. Examine and reflect on how my behavior and choices affect my personal and professional growth.	94.8%	93.6%	95.1%	96.3%
20. Accept responsibility for creating and achieving shared goals.	96.3%	97.2%	96.1%	96.8%
21. Develop new ideas and approaches to practice.	94.8%	90.9%	91.4%	93.0%
22. Act in a manner consistent with the trust given to pharmacists by patients, other healthcare providers and society.	97.8%	99.3%	97.8%	98.4%
<i>Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) Curriculum</i>				
23. I developed the skills needed to prepare me for continuous professional development and self-directed life-long learning.	96.4%	98.6%	97.0%	97.6%
24. I was provided opportunities to engage in active learning (e.g., laboratories, recitations, student portfolios, problem-based learning, in-class activities).	100.0%	100.0%	98.5%	98.4%
25. Elective didactic courses permitted exploration of and/or advanced study in areas of professional interest.	94.1%	96.5%	93.5%	94.8%

Section III. Pharmacy Practice Experiences

	2019 UNC	2020 UNC	Peers	National
<i>Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences</i>				
26. My introductory pharmacy practice experiences were valuable in helping me to prepare for my advanced pharmacy practice experiences.	96.4%	95.8%	86.1%	89.0%
27. My introductory pharmacy practice experiences permitted my involvement in direct patient care responsibilities in both community and institutional settings.	99.3%	98.6%	90.0%	89.9%
28. My introductory pharmacy practice experiences were of high quality.	94.1%	90.8%	84.9%	86.5%
<i>Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences</i>				
29. In the community pharmacy setting, I was able to engage in direct patient care.	91.9%	91.5%	95.1%	95.6%
30. In the ambulatory care setting, I was able to engage in direct patient care.	97.1%	97.1%	97.1%	96.4%
31. In the hospital or health-system pharmacy setting, I was able to engage in direct patient care.	85.3%	88.0%	90.4%	93.1%
32. In the inpatient/acute care setting, I was able to engage in direct patient care.	99.3%	97.2%	96.1%	96.1%
33. The need for continuity of care (e.g., acute, chronic, and wellness promoting patient care services) in outpatient and inpatient settings was emphasized in the advanced pharmacy practice experiences.	97.1%	97.2%	96.0%	96.6%
34. The variety of the available advanced pharmacy practice experience electives met my needs as a student.	89.7%	92.3%	93.9%	93.9%
35. I was academically prepared to enter my advanced pharmacy practice experiences.	85.3%	94.3%	92.4%	94.3%
36. My advanced pharmacy practice experiences were of high quality.	94.9%	98.6%	95.1%	96.0%
<i>Overall (Both Introductory and Advanced) Pharmacy Practice Experiences</i>				
37. My pharmacy practice experiences allowed me to have direct interaction with diverse patient populations (e.g., age, gender, socioeconomic, ethnic, and/or cultural background, disease states, etc.).	98.5%	99.3%	98.0%	98.5%
38. My pharmacy practice experiences allowed me to collaborate with other health care professionals.	99.3%	100.0%	97.9%	98.3%

Section IV. Student Services

	2019 UNC	2020 UNC	Peers	National
39. College/school provided access to academic advising.	72.8%	79.6%	87.0%	91.0%
• Selected "Did not utilize"	11.8%	12.0%	6.9%	4.6%
40. College/school provided access to guidance on career planning.	56.6%	78.1%	82.4%	81.4%
• Selected "Did not utilize"	12.5%	7.0%	6.4%	5.9%
41. College/school provided access to accommodation services as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).	40.4%	50.7%	65.2%	68.9%
• Selected "Did not utilize"	58.1%	48.6%	33.3%	29.7%
42. College/school provided access to financial aid advising.	44.1%	62.0%	79.2%	82.6%
• Selected "Did not utilize"	27.2%	19.0%	12.4%	9.5%
43. College/school provided access to student health and wellness services (e.g., immunizations, counseling services, campus pharmacy, primary care clinics, etc.).	88.2%	95.1%	89.4%	90.1%
• Selected "Did not utilize"	5.9%	2.1%	6.1%	5.1%

Section V. The Student Experience

	<i>2019 UNC</i>	<i>2020 UNC</i>	<i>Peers</i>	<i>National</i>
44. The college/school of pharmacy provided timely information about news, events, and important matters within the college/school of pharmacy.	80.1%	94.3%	91.6%	90.6%
45. Information was made available to me about additional educational opportunities (e.g., residencies, fellowships, graduate school).	89.0%	93.6%	93.3%	92.9%
46. The college/school's administration responded to problems and issues of concern to the student body.	69.9%	90.2%	85.6%	85.1%
47. I was aware of the process for raising issues with the college/school administration.	80.9%	88.0%	85.3%	86.0%
48. I was aware that student representatives served on college/school committees with responsibility for curriculum and other matters.	90.5%	94.4%	95.8%	94.4%
49. The college/school of pharmacy was welcoming to students with diverse backgrounds.	88.9%	86.6%	94.6%	95.0%
50. I know how to utilize college/school policies dealing with harassment and discrimination.	82.3%	76.8%	83.3%	86.1%
51. The college/school of pharmacy had processes to communicate student perspectives to the faculty or administration.	87.5%	95.1%	91.5%	91.9%
52. Faculty, administrators and staff served as positive role models for students.	93.4%	96.5%	95.2%	93.9%
53. Preceptors modeled professional attributes and behaviors.	97.0%	95.1%	96.7%	96.1%
54. Preceptors provided me with individualized instruction, guidance, and evaluation.	97.8%	97.9%	95.9%	96.7%
55. I was aware of expected behaviors with respect to professional and academic conduct.	99.3%	99.3%	98.7%	98.7%
56. The college/school had an effective process to manage <i>academic</i> misconduct by students (e.g., plagiarism).	56.6%	62.7%	85.3%	84.8%
57. The college/school had an effective process to manage <i>professional</i> misconduct by students (e.g., repeated tardiness/absences, drug diversion).	60.3%	68.3%	83.4%	84.2%
58. The college/school's faculty and administration encouraged me to participate in regional, state, or national pharmacy meetings.	85.3%	85.9%	91.9%	92.1%
59. The college/school of pharmacy was supportive of student professional organizations.	92.7%	93.7%	95.4%	95.4%
60. I was aware of opportunities in research activities with faculty.	89.0%	91.6%	79.5%	84.9%

Section VI. Facilities, Experiential Sites and Educational Resources

	<i>2019 UNC</i>	<i>2020 UNC</i>	<i>Peers</i>	<i>National</i>
61. My campus learning environment was safe.	99.3%	97.9%	95.8%	97.0%
62. The information technology resources provided by the college/school of pharmacy and/or elsewhere on campus were conducive to learning.	98.5%	98.6%	97.6%	96.0%
63. The classrooms in the college/school of pharmacy or elsewhere on campus were conducive to learning.	97.0%	95.7%	92.5%	94.5%
64. The laboratories and other non-classroom environments were conducive to learning.	99.3%	97.2%	95.8%	95.7%
65. The study areas in the college/school of pharmacy or elsewhere on campus were conducive to learning.	92.0%	91.5%	90.8%	92.2%
66. The common spaces such as lounges, lobbies, or other areas for relaxation and socialization available in the college/school of pharmacy or elsewhere on campus met my needs.	91.2%	84.5%	88.4%	89.2%
67. Access to educational resources (e.g., library, electronic data bases) was conducive to learning.	100.0%	99.3%	97.7%	97.1%
68. During pharmacy practice experiences, access to educational resources (e.g., library, electronic data bases) was conducive to learning.	98.6%	99.3%	97.9%	97.5%

Section VII. Overall Impressions

	2019 UNC	2020 UNC	Peers	National
69. I am prepared to enter pharmacy practice.	90.5%	97.9%	95.0%	96.0%
70. If I were starting my college career over again I would choose to study pharmacy.	62.5%	68.3%	67.9%	73.1%
71. If I were starting my pharmacy program over again I would choose the same college/school of pharmacy. (If you select disagree or strongly disagree please indicate the reason why in the comment box at the end of this session.)	69.8%	85.2%	87.1%	83.6%

Demographic Information

	2019 UNC	2020 UNC	Peers	National
73. Which of the following choice(s) describe the primary area of your paid outside work experiences while in the college/school?*				
Community pharmacy	66.2%	53.5%	62.9%	68.5%
Institutional pharmacy	32.4%	35.9%	34.2%	24.3%
Other pharmacy related. Specify:	15.4%	21.8%	17.8%	9.6%
Non-pharmacy related. Specify:	8.8%	9.2%	6.5%	6.5%
I did not work	8.1%	5.6%	5.3%	12.1%
74. If you had paid employment please indicate the approximate number of hours you worked per week.				
Less than 10 hours	43.2%	50.7%	28.6%	29.8%
10 to 14 hours	32.8%	30.6%	39.9%	32.6%
15 to 19 hours	13.6%	11.2%	19.7%	20.7%
20 to 29 hours	7.2%	3.7%	7.4%	10.5%
30 or more hours	2.4%	2.2%	3.4%	4.1%
No answer	0.8%	1.5%	1.0%	2.4%
75. Please indicate any college degrees you had earned prior to entering the Doctor of Pharmacy program.*				
Did not have a degree prior to entering program	16.9%	13.4%	17.7%	32.4%
Associate's	3.7%	2.1%	10.7%	12.3%
B.S., B.A. or Other Bachelor's	80.1%	86.6%	75.2%	58.7%
Master's. Specify type:	0.7%	1.4%	2.6%	2.7%
JD or Other Law	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Ph.D.	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%
M.D., D.D.S. or other Professional Doctorate	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Other Doctorate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
76(a). What are you current plans for primary employment upon your graduation from the college/school of pharmacy?*				
Chain community pharmacy	17.6%	15.5%	33.6%	48.7%
Independent community pharmacy	13.2%	12.7%	15.1%	23.6%
Hospital	55.9%	52.8%	50.5%	46.6%
Clinic-based pharmacy	19.9%	16.2%	20.9%	20.3%
Consultant	5.9%	7.7%	5.0%	7.0%
Home care	1.5%	2.1%	1.7%	3.6%
Nursing home/Long-term care facility	2.9%	2.8%	4.9%	8.0%
Academic	10.3%	4.2%	7.3%	7.6%
Association management	2.2%	0.0%	0.8%	1.3%
Pharmaceutical industry	18.4%	25.4%	10.1%	10.8%
Managed care	5.9%	2.1%	5.3%	6.6%
Government or regulatory agency	4.4%	3.5%	5.2%	6.7%
Other pharmacy related field. Specify:	14.0%	6.3%	4.8%	5.5%
Non-pharmacy related field. Specify:	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.9%
No plans for employment in the coming year	3.7%	3.5%	4.2%	2.5%
76(b). What are your current plans upon your graduation from the college/school of pharmacy?*				

Pharmacy Residency Program	67.6%	53.5%	49.9%	33.6%
Pharmacy Ph.D. Program	0.0%	0.7%	1.7%	2.9%
Master's. Specify type:	4.4%	5.6%	4.0%	5.0%
JD or Other Law Program	1.5%	0.0%	0.6%	0.7%
Other Health Professions (MD, DDS, DVM, etc.)	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	1.7%
Non-Pharmacy Ph.D. Program	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%
Fellowship	11.8%	17.6%	4.6%	4.4%
No plans for further education in the coming year	19.9%	27.5%	41.6%	55.2%
77. Have you borrowed money to help pay for your college expenses in the Pharm.D. degree program?				
Yes	84.6%	88.0%	84.9%	86.1%
No	15.4%	12.0%	15.1%	13.9%
78. If you borrowed to help pay for your college expenses in the Pharm.D. degree program, please estimate how much you will owe at date of graduation: \$ _____, _____ .00	\$156,510.34 ± \$72,959.84	\$173,940.64 ± \$103,658.74	-----	-----
80. Age:				
25 or under	44.9%	33.1%	35.5%	41.2%
26-30	44.9%	61.3%	49.8%	42.9%
31-35	7.4%	2.1%	7.4%	8.8%
36-40	1.5%	0.7%	2.9%	3.2%
41-45	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	1.2%
46-50	0.0%	0.7%	0.2%	0.4%
51 or above	0.0%	0.7%	0.1%	0.2%
Prefer not to respond	1.5%	1.4%	3.2%	2.2%