

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Alumni Survey

2016 Private School Summary Report

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Total number of schools: 35
Total number of responses: 1,202
Response Rate: 12.4%

Section I: Demographic Questions

1. Year of Graduation:

	Response Percent	Response Total
2015	35.6%	428
2014	23.4%	281
2013	25.4%	305
2012	9.2%	111
2011	6.4%	77

2. Please check the option below that best describes the learning environment in which you were enrolled:

	Response Percent	Response Total
Main campus	95.9%	1153
Distance/Satellite/Branch campus (enter city, state)	4.1%	49

3. In addition to receiving your Pharm.D. degree, have you completed or are you currently pursuing any type of postgraduate education/training?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	31.0%	373
No	69.0%	829

4. If the answer to Question #3 above is "Yes"; please check all that apply.

	Response Percent	Response Total
Master's; please specify type:	N/A	103
Other Professional Doctorate (JD, M.D., D.D.S.)	N/A	5
Ph.D.	N/A	4
Residency in Pharmacy Practice (any type)	N/A	250
Specialty Residency (e.g., Drug Information, Pediatric, Primary care)	N/A	85
Fellowship	N/A	20
Other; please specify type:	N/A	35

5. What is your level of involvement with the school or college?

	Response Percent	Response Total
None	32.4%	389

Minimal	43.4%	522
Moderate	18.4%	221
Heavy	5.8%	70

6. To what extent are you employed in pharmacy? (Check all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Total
Part-time	N/A	90
Full time (35 hrs & above)	N/A	1091
Not currently practicing	N/A	31
No longer in pharmacy profession	N/A	4
Student (post graduate education/training)	N/A	52

7. In which state are you primarily practicing?

	Response Percent	Response Total
NOT APPLICABLE	2.6%	31
Alabama (AL)	4.8%	58
Alaska (AK)	0.5%	6
Arizona (AZ)	2.2%	26
Arkansas (AR)	1.3%	16
California (CA)	7.4%	89
Colorado (CO)	0.3%	4
Connecticut (CT)	1.9%	23
Delaware (DE)	0.2%	2
Dist. of Columbia (DC)	0.2%	2
Florida (FL)	4.1%	49
Georgia (GA)	2.8%	34
Hawaii (HI)	0.1%	1
Idaho (ID)	0.1%	1
Illinois (IL)	2.2%	27
Indiana (IN)	1.2%	15
Iowa (IA)	0.9%	11
Kansas (KS)	0.6%	7
Kentucky (KY)	4.8%	58
Louisiana (LA)	0.5%	6
Maine (ME)	0.9%	11
Maryland (MD)	2.9%	35
Massachusetts (MA)	3.4%	41
Michigan (MI)	0.7%	8
Minnesota (MN)	1.0%	12
Mississippi (MS)	0.6%	7
Missouri (MO)	2.5%	30
Nebraska (NE)	0.1%	1
Nevada (NV)	0.2%	2
New Hampshire (NH)	0.3%	4
New Jersey (NJ)	1.4%	17

New Mexico (NM)	0.2%	3
New York (NY)	11.1%	134
North Carolina (NC)	4.7%	57
North Dakota (ND)	0.2%	2
Ohio (OH)	4.2%	50
Oklahoma (OK)	0.7%	9
Oregon (OR)	0.6%	7
Pennsylvania (PA)	3.1%	37
Puerto Rico	0.1%	1
Rhode Island (RI)	0.2%	2
South Carolina (SC)	0.4%	5
Tennessee (TN)	8.1%	97
Texas (TX)	7.1%	85
Utah (UT)	0.4%	5
Vermont (VT)	0.3%	4
Virginia (VA)	3.6%	43
Washington (WA)	0.8%	10
West Virginia (WV)	0.8%	10
Wisconsin (WI)	0.6%	7

8. In what type of setting are you primarily practicing or employed?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Chain community pharmacy	N/A	557
Independent community pharmacy	N/A	133
Hospital	N/A	361
Clinic-based pharmacy	N/A	78
Consultant	N/A	21
Home care	N/A	5
Nursing home/Long-term care facility	N/A	35
Academia	N/A	48
Association management	N/A	1
Pharmaceutical industry	N/A	31
Managed care	N/A	26
Government or regulatory agency	N/A	36
Other Pharmacy Related Field; please specify:	N/A	54
Non-Pharmacy related field; please specify:	N/A	1
Not currently employed	N/A	18

9. In which pharmacy organizations are you currently a member? (Check all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Total
APhA	N/A	415
ASHP	N/A	266
AMCP	N/A	12
AACP	N/A	33
ACCP	N/A	96

ASCP	N/A	12
NCPA	N/A	41
State Pharmacy Association	N/A	353
Other; please specify:	N/A	118
None	N/A	487

10. In the pharmacy organization with which you are most engaged, how would you assess your level of involvement?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Minimal (occasionally attend meetings)	77.5%	554
Moderate (regularly attend meetings, occasionally serve on committees)	16.6%	119
Heavy (regularly serve on committees and/or serve as an officer)	5.9%	42

11. Are you currently serving, or have you served in the past as a preceptor for any pharmacy students?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	37.3%	448
No	62.7%	754

12. Sex

	Response Percent	Response Total
Male	34.9%	420
Female	63.2%	760
Prefer not to respond	1.8%	22

Section II: Development/Communication

Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with each statement.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to Comment
13. The college/school communicates effectively with alumni about college/school activities.	28.2% (339)	55.2% (663)	11.3% (136)	2.1% (25)	3.2% (39)
14. The current Dean is providing leadership in pharmacy.	30.9% (372)	34.6% (416)	4.2% (51)	1.9% (23)	28.3% (340)
15. The current Dean encourages alumni to stay involved.	25.9% (311)	37.8% (454)	10.2% (123)	2.8% (34)	23.3% (280)

When I was a student...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to Comment
16. The faculty displayed respect for their colleagues and students.	49.3% (592)	45.0% (541)	3.9% (47)	1.5% (18)	0.3% (4)
17. Faculty, administrators and staff served as positive role models for students.	51.4% (618)	43.7% (525)	3.7% (45)	1.1% (13)	0.1% (1)
18. I knew what the program outcomes were.	48.0% (577)	45.5% (547)	4.1% (49)	0.8% (10)	1.6% (19)
19. the curriculum provided opportunities to engage in active learning (e.g., laboratories, recitations, student portfolios, problem-based learning).	52.1% (626)	43.6% (524)	2.9% (35)	0.7% (9)	0.7% (8)
20. I was encouraged to assume responsibility for my own learning.	56.2% (676)	40.9% (492)	1.8% (22)	0.4% (5)	0.6% (7)
21. I was academically prepared to enter my advanced pharmacy practice experiences.	50.2% (603)	42.3% (509)	6.1% (73)	1.0% (12)	0.4% (5)
22. The curriculum prepared me to enter my first pharmacy job.	46.4% (558)	43.3% (521)	7.6% (91)	1.4% (17)	1.2% (15)
23. Information was made available to me about additional educational opportunities (e.g. residencies, fellowships, graduate school).	46.5% (559)	42.8% (514)	7.8% (94)	1.7% (21)	1.2% (14)
24. Elective didactic courses permitted exploration of and/or advanced study in areas of professional interest.	39.9% (480)	46.3% (556)	10.7% (129)	1.6% (19)	1.5% (18)
25. My pharmacy practice experiences were of high quality.	44.5% (535)	46.8% (562)	6.4% (77)	1.7% (21)	0.6% (7)

Section III: Curriculum

Domain 1: Foundational Knowledge

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to Comment
26. Apply knowledge from the foundational pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences to the provision of patient care.	44.4% (534)	51.4% (618)	2.8% (34)	0.6% (7)	0.7% (9)
27. Apply knowledge from the clinical sciences to the provision of patient care.	49.6% (596)	47.1% (566)	2.5% (30)	0.4% (5)	0.4% (5)
28. Evaluate scientific literature.	44.2% (531)	47.8% (574)	6.1% (73)	1.4% (17)	0.6% (7)

Domain 2: Essentials for Practice

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to Comment
29. Provide medication expertise as part of patient-centered care.	51.2% (616)	45.9% (552)	1.7% (21)	0.6% (7)	0.5% (6)
30. Optimize the safety and efficacy of medication use systems (e.g., dispensing, administration, effects monitoring) to manage patient healthcare needs.	48.3% (581)	47.7% (573)	3.2% (39)	0.3% (4)	0.4% (5)
31. Design strategies to manage chronic disease and improve health and wellness.	47.3% (568)	49.3% (592)	2.4% (29)	0.3% (4)	0.7% (9)
32. Assess the health needs of a given patient population.	46.2% (555)	49.5% (595)	2.9% (35)	0.6% (7)	0.8% (10)
33. Provide patient-centered care based on evidence-based best practices.	51.5% (619)	45.8% (550)	1.6% (19)	0.5% (6)	0.7% (8)

Domain 3: Approach to Practice and Care

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to Comment
34. Design, implement and evaluate viable solutions to patient care problems.	42.8% (514)	52.8% (635)	3.0% (36)	0.5% (6)	0.9% (11)
35. Use effective strategies to educate patients, healthcare professionals and caregivers to improve patient care.	49.6% (596)	47.8% (575)	1.8% (22)	0.4% (5)	0.3% (4)
36. Advocate for the patient's best interest.	50.9% (612)	45.8% (551)	1.8% (22)	0.4% (5)	1.0% (12)

37. Engage as a member of an interprofessional healthcare team.	51.2% (616)	42.8% (515)	4.2% (51)	0.7% (9)	0.9% (11)
38. Identify cultural disparities in healthcare.	43.6% (524)	47.3% (568)	6.7% (81)	0.7% (8)	1.7% (21)
39. Recognize and address cultural disparities in access to and delivery of healthcare.	42.9% (516)	47.2% (567)	7.2% (87)	0.7% (9)	1.9% (23)
40. Effectively communicate (verbal, non-verbal, written) when interacting with individuals, groups and organizations.	52.6% (632)	43.8% (526)	2.2% (26)	0.7% (9)	0.7% (9)

Domain 4: Personal and Professional Development

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to Comment
41. Examine and reflect on how my behavior and choices affect my personal and professional growth.	48.6% (584)	45.8% (550)	3.4% (41)	1.4% (17)	0.8% (10)
42. Accept responsibility for creating and achieving shared goals.	49.8% (598)	46.5% (559)	2.2% (26)	0.9% (11)	0.7% (8)
43. Develop new ideas and approaches to practice.	42.1% (506)	48.8% (586)	6.2% (75)	1.4% (17)	1.5% (18)
44. Act in a manner consistent with the trust given to pharmacists by patients, other healthcare providers and society.	55.7% (670)	42.2% (507)	0.7% (9)	0.7% (8)	0.7% (8)

Section IV: General Impressions

Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with each statement.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to Comment
45. If I were starting my education over today, I would choose pharmacy as a career.	44.4% (534)	36.0% (433)	12.1% (145)	4.5% (54)	3.0% (36)
46. If I were starting my education over today, I would choose the same college/school of pharmacy.	45.4% (546)	33.1% (398)	10.9% (131)	5.8% (70)	4.7% (57)
47. I received a high quality pharmacy education.	55.6% (668)	36.0% (433)	5.2% (62)	1.1% (13)	2.2% (26)