

## **SPEP Program: 2022 Cycle - Year in Review**

A total of 186 rotations, each consisting of a total of 160 hours of structured, practical experiential training, were completed by pharmacy students during the 2022 SPEP cycle. Of these, 72 took place in hospitals, 63 in community pharmacies, and 43 in primary health care clinics. In addition, 8 elective rotations were offered in industrial pharmacy practice at Qatar Pharma. These rotations involved the participation of a total of 201 preceptors in teaching and mentoring our students.

Our SPEP program continued to offer in its 2022 cycle:

**1. Online New Preceptor Orientation:** This program consists on several modules or chapters which provide, both new and experienced preceptors, an overview of the SPEP experiential learning program and best practices in precepting our pharmacy students. Although this online program does not preclude the provision of face-to-face or synchronous virtual orientations, it provides a more thorough review of the SPEP program, the electronic management system (eValue), and practical examples and tips on precepting and managing students on their clinical rotations. Preceptors receive a completion certificate which can be used when applying for preceptor renewal and may also be eligible for continuing professional development (CPD) credits through the Qatar Council for Health Practitioners (QCHP). This online program received the **Visualization Award** at the Qatar University Annual Research Forum and Exhibition in October 2021. A total of 48 preceptors completed this online course and were awarded completion certificates.

**2. Experiential Education Newsletter:** This initiative, which is fostered by the College of Pharmacy experiential education team, features the great work preceptors do in practice while precepting our students. It gives us great pleasure to invite you to contribute to this newsletter by sharing your preceptor achievements. Similarly, the newsletter also features work that our students (both, SPEP and PharmD) are involved with during their rotations, including outcomes on interventions or evidence-based answers to drug information queries encountered in practice. For the latest copy of the newsletter, click on the following link or visit the **Experiential Newsletter** tab on the navigation pane:

<http://www.qu.edu.qa/pharmacy/departments/spep-program/experiential-newsletter>

The experiential program at the College of Pharmacy continues to be committed to preceptor development activities. Hosted by the College of Pharmacy Experiential Education team, our 2022-2023 Preceptor Development Session was held on March 7, 2023 from 4-6 PM. The session, under the theme of **“Providing students with an effective feedback”**, featured a presentation and an interactive discussion delivered by two invited speakers (Dr Sara Al-Dahir, visiting Clinical Professor from Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy, United States; and Ms. Taysier Elgaily, wellness officer, department of clinical operations and

engagement, the office of the Vice President for Health and Medical Sciences). The program was QCHP accredited, a total of 83 preceptors attended the session both virtually and in person, and those who attended the interactive workshop in person received 2 CPD points.

We also continue to provide our preceptors with membership to the online continuing education platform known as Collaborative Education Institution (CEI) which offers webinars and online courses, many of which are accredited, and for which completion certificates can be submitted to QCHP for CPD points. Additionally, this subscription is linked to e-Value, the experiential program electronic management system, with improved tracking capacity for their CE requirements. During the 2022 cycle, a total of 116 preceptors completed 122 CEI courses.

In addition, the SPEP program continued to provide support to our preceptors, through a number of virtual orientations for preceptors before the start of their rotations, ongoing site visits to guide preceptors on assessment of student progress, as well as to support students on their assignments. A total of 60 site visits were conducted during the 2022 SPEP cycle. Support provided ranged from orientation of newly joined preceptors, on-site tutorials on experiential education electronic management system (eValue®), as well as guiding students on maximizing learning opportunities from required assignments. Rotation sites are continuously evaluated based on a validated checklist to maintain quality of education for our students.

We thank the all of our preceptors for their efforts in sharing their valuable experience with our students and for their commitment throughout the years in mentoring and shaping their future pharmacy practice.