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Day One Instructions Email Dr. Alper in advance for your schedule for the week.

FCE DESCRIPTION

During this FCE, the MS3 will develop a basic understanding of the process of pharmacy benefit management in the Massachusetts public health sector, and begin to develop the necessary skills to review “place in therapy” for a new drug, by working with a Physician Advisor at Commonwealth Medicine (a division of UMass Medical School), Clinical Pharmacy Services.

Students will also begin to develop a basic understanding of the pharmaceutical industry as pertains to: new drug development, marketing/business practices, FDA-approval processes, and other implications to healthcare. In addition, students will begin to develop a basic understanding of the public and private healthcare systems, both locally and nationally.

Students will also have opportunities to work with pharmacy students and residents and pharmacists in a collaborative learning and work environment. *Of note:* There is no direct patient care. Directed reading with topic discussion is a significant component of this FCE.

FCE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Gain a basic understanding of how pharmacy benefit management through the Clinical Pharmacy Services (CPS) program is accomplished for the public health sector, with particular attention to the Massachusetts Medicaid Pharmacy program (MassHealth)
- Learn about new drugs to market and develop analytical skills to evaluate their place in therapy
- Gain basic knowledge of various aspects of the pharmaceutical industry and its impact on healthcare
- Begin to become familiar with the skills needed for efficient and effective practice in a managed care environment.
- Gain beginning knowledge of the Massachusetts Medicaid/Pharmacy program, the healthcare system and healthcare reform in MA and nationally
- Increase their experience working collaboratively with other health professionals

UMMS Competencies Advocate | Communicator | Problem Solver | Professional
Evaluation Type Attendance | Effort | Participation

AVAILABILITY

4800 | Fall 2017

4801 | Spring 2018

Block 1A | FE1 | June 5-9, 2017

Block 3A | FE7 | February 12-16, 2018

Block 1B | FE2 | July 10-14, 2017

Block 3B | FE8 | March 12-16, 2018

Block 1C | FE3 | July 17-21, 2017

Block 3C | FE9 | March 26-30, 2018

Block 2A | FE4 | September 25-29, 2017

FE-Spring Break | March 19-23, 2018

1 Block 2B | FE5 | October 2-6, 2017

1 Block 2C | FE6 | November 6-10, 2017
