

FCE FCE 3042 | PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH SECTOR  
CLINICAL | LEADERSHIP | MEDICINE

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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  
Evaluation

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4900 | Fall 2018

0	Block 1A   FE1   June 4-8, 2018
0	Block 1B   FE2   July 9-13, 2018
0	Block 1C   FE3   July 16-20, 2018
0	Block 2A   FE4   September 24-28, 2018
0	Block 2B   FE5   October 1-5, 2018
1	Block 2C   FE6   November 5-9, 2018

4901 | Spring 2019

0	Block 3A   FE7   February 4-8, 2019
1	Block 3B   FE8   March 11-15, 2019
0	FE-Spring Break   March 18-22, 2019
1	Block 3C   FE9   March 25-29, 2019

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