



Professional Development and Certificate Programs

The basic life sciences are developing at an unprecedented pace. Technology is impacting every aspect of healthcare. Meanwhile the business model is shifting from fee-for-service to fee-for-value. These changes mean that more than ever professional education must strive to be current.

ACPHS seeks to address this issue in two ways. First, as a service to our alumni, we will offer FREE continuing professional development (CPD) credits. CPD at ACPHS provides exceptional training for practicing pharmacists as well as other healthcare professionals and scientists. Our quality programs are taught by leaders in their fields, based on innovative research and current with new discoveries that correlate directly with patient care.

Secondly, we will develop hybrid and online certificate programs and short courses in areas that meet emerging workforce needs. These certificate programs will address the need for new skill sets arising during this dynamic period of change in the healthcare system. Certificate programs will be open to individuals in the workforce as well as our own students, thereby expanding and diversifying the student body beyond our base of traditional students.



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Campaign Timeline

June 2015 – Silent Phase

November 2015 – Public Phase

August 2016 – Campaign Closes

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How can you support?

Commitments to the Beyond Practice Ready Campaign can be made at www.acphs.edu/donate.

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Beyond
PRACTICE READY

*A campaign to make a difference
through distinctive programs and
support of our student experience.*

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is embarking on a series of mini campaigns, the first of which is ***Beyond Practice Ready.***

Beyond Practice Ready means that our students will have the versatility, adaptability, and entrepreneurial spirit to meet the emerging workplace needs of a dynamic healthcare system.

The **Beyond Practice Ready** mini campaign will support:

- Two student operated neighborhood pharmacies (\$3 million)
- Active learning classrooms (\$1.5 million)
- Professional development and certificate programs (\$1 million)
- Renovation of the Pharmacy Practice Skills Laboratory (\$500,000)



Student Operated Neighborhood Pharmacies

ACPHS will open two student operated neighborhood pharmacies in medically underserved areas – one in Albany and one in Schenectady. These sites will offer an “entrepreneurial” educational experience where students will learn the essential business skills needed to successfully manage a community pharmacy.

Through exposure to principles such as inventory turnover analysis and break-even analysis, students will gain a deeper understanding of the pharmacy business model. In addition to the business of pharmacy, students will learn a range of pharmacy clinical services including Medication Therapy Management (MTM). Pharmacy students will participate in the ACPHS pharmacy as part of their IPPE and APPE experiences.

Each pharmacy would also be a center for community engagement for the college and serve as a prototype for neighborhood healthcare in underserved regions. ACPHS students across the bachelor’s, pharmacy, and graduate programs will have the opportunity to get involved in a range of health and wellness services. Such services will include point of care screenings and associated counseling for a number of risk factors. Each ACPHS neighborhood pharmacy will be a “collaboratory” connecting the college to a variety of community partners.

Enhancing the Student Experience - Active Learning Classrooms & Practice Skills Lab Renovation

To go “beyond practice ready,” we must advance our pedagogy to include the latest active learning techniques. Merging technology with small class sizes is now recognized as a key to developing students’ critical thinking, problem solving, communication, and clinical practice skills.

Active learning classrooms are technology enhanced environments that are designed for small group interactions. By fostering peer-to-peer communication and teamwork, these classrooms help students become actively engaged in their own learning.

A similar active learning philosophy applies to our Pharmacy Practice Skills Laboratory where students “learn by doing” through hands on experiences. This laboratory will be expanded to include counseling rooms for students to hone their patient communication skills. Additionally, we will be expanding our sterile compounding facility to provide practical experiences in specialty pharmacy.

