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American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Alumni Survey

2015 Private School Summary Report

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Total number of schools: 40
Total number of responses: 1,530
Response Rate: 10.3%

Section I: Demographic Questions

1. Gender:

	Response Percent	Response Total
Male	39.1%	598
Female	60.9%	932

2. Year of Graduation:

	Response Percent	Response Total
2009	3.3%	51
2010	5.8%	89
2011	7.3%	111
2012	25.5%	390
2013	25.6%	391
2014	32.5%	498

3. Please check the option below that best describes the configuration of the curriculum in the Pharm.D. program:

	Response Percent	Response Total
Traditional program (4 professional years)	72.9%	1116
Accelerated program (3 professional years; year-round classes)	27.1%	414

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

	Response Percent	Response Total
Main campus	93.5%	1431
Distance/Satellite/Branch campus (enter city, state)	6.3%	97
Web-based program	0.1%	2

5. 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	32.4%	495
No	67.6%	1035

5 (a). If the answer to Question #5 above is "Yes"; please check all that apply

	Response Percent	Response Total
MBA	N/A	55
Master's (other than MBA)	N/A	51
Other Professional Doctorate (JD, M.D., D.D.S.)	N/A	6
Ph.D.	N/A	5
Residency in Pharmacy Practice (any type)	N/A	370
Specialty Residency (e.g., Drug Information, Pediatric, Primary care)	N/A	123
Fellowship	N/A	37
Other	N/A	28

6. What is your level of involvement with the Alumni Association?

	Response Percent	Response Total
None	66.4%	1016
Minimal (occasionally attend functions)	29.5%	452
Moderate (regularly attend functions)	3.2%	49
Heavy (past or present service as an officer or on the board of directors)	0.8%	13

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

	Response Percent	Response Total
Part-time	N/A	99
Full time (35 hrs & above)	N/A	1390
Not currently practicing	N/A	40
No longer in pharmacy profession	N/A	4
Student (post graduate education/training)	N/A	45

8. In which state are you primarily practicing?*

	Response Percent	Response Total
NOT APPLICABLE	3.1%	48
Alabama (AL)	1.5%	23
Alaska (AK)	0.2%	3
Arizona (AZ)	1.9%	29
Arkansas (AR)	0.6%	9
California (CA)	23.4%	357
Colorado (CO)	0.5%	8
Connecticut (CT)	0.6%	9
Delaware (DE)	0.3%	4
Dist. of Columbia (DC)	0.3%	5
Florida (FL)	3.7%	57
Georgia (GA)	1.8%	28
Hawaii (HI)	0.7%	10
Illinois (IL)	6.0%	92
Indiana (IN)	1.4%	22

Iowa (IA)	1.0%	15
Kansas (KS)	0.4%	6
Kentucky (KY)	1.0%	16
Louisiana (LA)	0.2%	3
Maine (ME)	1.3%	20
Maryland (MD)	1.2%	18
Massachusetts (MA)	0.9%	14
Michigan (MI)	1.4%	21
Minnesota (MN)	1.9%	29
Mississippi (MS)	0.2%	3
Missouri (MO)	2.9%	44
Nebraska (NE)	0.1%	2
Nevada (NV)	0.5%	7
New Hampshire (NH)	0.2%	3
New Jersey (NJ)	1.4%	21
New Mexico (NM)	0.4%	6
New York (NY)	7.5%	114
North Carolina (NC)	2.7%	41
North Dakota (ND)	0.1%	1
Ohio (OH)	4.1%	62
Oklahoma (OK)	0.3%	4
Oregon (OR)	1.0%	16
Pennsylvania (PA)	5.5%	84
Puerto Rico	0.6%	9
Rhode Island (RI)	0.1%	2
South Carolina (SC)	0.7%	10
South Dakota (SD)	0.1%	2
Tennessee (TN)	4.3%	66
Texas (TX)	6.9%	106
Utah (UT)	0.4%	6
Vermont (VT)	0.1%	2
Virgin Islands	0.1%	1
Virginia (VA)	1.4%	22
Washington (WA)	0.5%	7
West Virginia (WV)	1.0%	16
Wisconsin (WI)	1.5%	23

9. In what type of setting are you primarily practicing?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Not applicable	N/A	32
Chain community pharmacy	N/A	606
Independent community pharmacy	N/A	128
Hospital	N/A	531
Clinic-based pharmacy	N/A	129
Consultant	N/A	28
Home care	N/A	11
Nursing home/Long-term care facility	N/A	40
Academia	N/A	67
Association management	N/A	6
Pharmaceutical industry	N/A	53
Managed care	N/A	55
Government or regulatory agency	N/A	49
Other:	N/A	60

10. Which pharmacy organizations do you currently belong to? (check all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Total
APhA	N/A	563
ASHP	N/A	417
AMCP	N/A	33
AACP	N/A	40
ACCP	N/A	180
ASCP	N/A	25
NACDS	N/A	1
NCPA	N/A	44
State Association	N/A	452
None	N/A	503
Other:	N/A	160

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

	Response Percent	Response Total
Not a member of a pharmacy organization	32.5%	497
Minimal (occasionally attend meetings)	53.9%	825
Moderate (regularly attend meetings, occasionally serve on committees)	9.5%	145
Heavy (regularly serve on committees and/or serve as an officer)	4.1%	63

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

	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	45.2%	692
No	54.8%	838

13. Are you currently serving, or have you served in the past, as an adjunct faculty member at a college/school of pharmacy?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	15.8%	241
No	84.2%	1289

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
14. The college/school communicates effectively with alumni about college/school activities.	33.3% (509)	53.3% (816)	8.2% (125)	1.9% (29)	3.3% (51)
15. The current Dean is providing leadership in pharmacy.	32.6% (499)	37.4% (572)	4.3% (66)	2.0% (30)	23.7% (363)
16. The current Dean encourages alumni to stay involved.	28.0% (428)	40.9% (626)	10.2% (156)	3.1% (48)	17.8% (272)
17. Since graduation, the college/school has solicited my input/feedback for programmatic improvement.	26.7% (409)	44.2% (677)	17.0% (260)	5.0% (76)	7.1% (108)

When I was a student...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to Comment
18. the college/school provided an environment and culture that promoted professional behavior and harmonious relationships among students, faculty, administrators, preceptors and staff.	56.2% (860)	38.2% (584)	3.3% (50)	1.8% (27)	0.6% (9)
19. the faculty, administrators, and staff were committed to developing professionalism, fostering leadership, and to serving as mentors and positive role models.	57.5% (880)	37.6% (575)	2.9% (45)	1.4% (22)	0.5% (8)
20. I knew what the program outcomes were.	50.1% (767)	45.0% (689)	3.4% (52)	0.6% (9)	0.8% (13)
21. the curriculum provided opportunities to engage in active learning (e.g., laboratories, recitations, student portfolios, problem-based learning).	53.3% (816)	43.7% (669)	2.0% (31)	0.8% (12)	0.1% (2)
22. the curriculum was properly sequenced.	39.9% (611)	48.2% (737)	9.2% (140)	2.1% (32)	0.7% (10)
23. I was encouraged to assume responsibility for my own learning.	57.3% (877)	40.8% (625)	1.4% (21)	0.3% (4)	0.2% (3)
24. my coursework prepared me to enter my practice experiences (rotations).	45.8% (701)	47.8% (732)	4.4% (67)	1.7% (26)	0.3% (4)

25. the courses I took prepared me to enter my first pharmacy job.	41.3% (632)	48.7% (745)	7.7% (118)	1.6% (25)	0.7% (10)
26. information was made available to me about additional educational opportunities (e.g. residencies, fellowships, graduate school).	47.8% (732)	44.1% (674)	5.9% (90)	1.4% (21)	0.8% (13)

Section III: Curriculum

Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with each statement. When I was a student...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to Comment
27. pharmacy related elective courses met my needs as a Pharm.D. student.	38.4% (588)	49.4% (756)	8.5% (130)	1.9% (29)	1.8% (27)
28. the college/school provided an adequate number and mix of practice facilities for experiential education (rotations).	46.5% (712)	44.6% (683)	7.1% (109)	1.6% (24)	0.1% (2)
29. the faculty were effective teachers.	42.5% (651)	51.2% (784)	4.3% (66)	1.0% (16)	0.8% (13)
30. the faculty displayed respect for their colleagues and students.	51.8% (792)	43.0% (658)	2.5% (38)	1.4% (22)	1.3% (20)

The Pharm.D. Program prepared me to...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to Comment
31. develop and use patient-specific pharmacy care plans.	46.1% (705)	50.1% (767)	2.5% (38)	0.6% (9)	0.7% (11)
32. effectively manage a patient-centered pharmacy practice.	43.8% (670)	49.1% (751)	5.0% (76)	0.8% (13)	1.3% (20)
33. develop disease management programs.	38.8% (593)	49.7% (761)	8.8% (134)	0.7% (10)	2.1% (32)
34. manage the system of medication use.	41.9% (641)	51.9% (794)	4.1% (62)	0.6% (9)	1.6% (24)
35. promote the availability of health promotion and disease prevention initiatives.	42.9% (656)	51.0% (781)	4.0% (61)	0.7% (10)	1.4% (22)
36. communicate with patients, caregivers, and other members of the interprofessional health care team.	54.1% (827)	42.7% (653)	2.6% (40)	0.4% (6)	0.3% (4)
37. search the health sciences literature.	52.3% (800)	43.7% (668)	3.1% (47)	0.8% (12)	0.2% (3)

38. evaluate the health sciences literature.	48.7% (745)	45.2% (692)	4.7% (72)	1.0% (16)	0.3% (5)
39. demonstrate expertise in the area of informatics (resources, devices, and methods required to optimize the acquisition, storage, retrieval, and use of information in pharmacy and healthcare).	38.1% (583)	47.5% (727)	10.7% (163)	2.1% (32)	1.6% (25)
40. apply state and federal laws and regulations to the practice of pharmacy.	43.7% (668)	49.2% (753)	5.6% (85)	1.0% (15)	0.6% (9)
41. maintain professional competence.	55.5% (849)	41.9% (641)	2.0% (30)	0.4% (6)	0.3% (4)

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
42. If I were starting my education over today, I would choose pharmacy as a career.	42.0% (642)	37.6% (575)	12.8% (196)	3.9% (60)	3.7% (57)
43. If I were starting my education over today, I would choose the same college/school of pharmacy.	46.1% (706)	36.5% (559)	9.4% (144)	5.8% (88)	2.2% (33)
44. As I reflect on my pharmacy education, I would rate the overall quality of my education experience as very good.	49.2% (752)	43.6% (667)	4.7% (72)	1.5% (23)	1.0% (16)