



Doctor of Pharmacy Program Technical Standards

The mission of St. John's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is: "The College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences commits to academic excellence, scholarship and service to humanity through the discovery and application of biomedical knowledge. We facilitate and advance scholarship by offering innovative programs of study utilizing active learning approaches that are student-centered, outcomes oriented and that inspire lifelong learning. As compassionate health care professionals and scientists, we serve humanity through our dedication to excellence in health care and biomedical research. Building on a commitment to cultural diversity and benefiting from our metropolitan location and strategic alliances with leading health care institutions, we strive to serve as effective leaders, good citizens and moral and ethical individuals. We commit ourselves to discovery, communication and application of biomedical knowledge as a critical component for the development of health care professionals and scientists. Through innovative basic, social and clinical research initiatives, we contribute to scientific knowledge, address contemporary health care issues and seek solutions to health care problems. Our mission embodies the principles of the University's mission statement: to provide a quality education in an environment that is Catholic, Vincentian and metropolitan."

Doctor of Pharmacy students will be responsible for their own learning with guidance from the faculty, preceptors, administrators and their peers. Students must consistently and accurately demonstrate both academic and technical abilities to ensure minimal competency and adequate progression throughout the curriculum. Technical standards, as distinguished from academic standards, refer to the minimum cognitive, professional and behavioral abilities required for a student to satisfactorily complete of all essential aspects of the curriculum. To successfully progress in and ultimately complete the didactic, laboratory and experiential components of the Doctor of Pharmacy program, students must understand these qualifications. All students will be required to read and sign the following *technical standards* document to indicate they understand these qualifications. The signed document will be kept as a permanent part of the student's record.

Cognitive Abilities

Students must possess well-developed critical thinking and clinical problem solving skills. They must be able to integrate, evaluate, analyze, synthesize and apply information gained through measurement, calculation and reasoning. Students must be able to learn in various conditions and environments including the classroom, laboratory, small groups, experiential settings and independent study.

Observation and Motor Skills: Observation necessitates the functional use of visual, auditory and somatic senses. The senses are necessary to observe all aspects of the Doctor of Pharmacy program including but not limited to: demonstrations, lectures, experiments, laboratory activities, patient care activities and other methods of instructional delivery. The student must have sufficient motor skills necessary to prepare all routine forms of medication orders including compounding, administering and dispensing and use of diagnostic equipment, and be able to elicit patient information through the use of palpation, auscultation and other diagnostic maneuvers, and be able to carry out proper emergency procedures. A student must be able to execute motor movements necessary to provide general care and emergency treatment to patients. Students must be able to use computers and other technology necessary for learning and professional practice.

Communication: Students must be able to communicate effectively with colleagues, professors, patients, families and healthcare providers in a timely and accurate manner. Students must be able to read, write, speak and comprehend English with sufficient mastery to accomplish didactic, clinical and laboratory curricular requirements in a timely, high-quality professional and accurate manner.

(Please sign reverse side)

Behavioral and Social Attributes: Students must demonstrate maturity, integrity, compassion and respect for others. The student must possess the emotional and mental health required for full use of their intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment and to promptly complete all responsibilities pertaining to the practice of pharmacy. The student must have the capability to recognize and show respect for differences in culture, values and ethics among people. The student must be able to demonstrate the ability to handle situations appropriately that may be physically, emotionally or intellectually stressful, and must display appropriate coping responses. The student must appropriately adapt and be able to accept appropriate suggestions and constructive criticism in a mature and acceptable and professional manner. The student must display compassion and concern for others in accordance with the Mission of St. John's University and the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

I have read and fully understand the above described technical standards.

Name (Please print) _____

Date of Birth _____ St. John's ID number (if known) X _____

Signature _____ Date _____