

University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy · Office of Experiential Learning
INTRODUCTORY PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCE
IPPE Rotation · Pre-Rotation Reflection Assignment



IPPE Form 2

Discuss your goals and what you hope to gain from this experience using the guided questions from the IPPE Community or Institutional Checklist. This reflection must be turned in to your preceptor prior to or on the first day of each introductory community or institutional experience.

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Preceptor Signature [Signature]
Once your preceptor has signed the completed reflection, please upload to CORE ELMS under Field Encounters. The completed form must be uploaded to CORE ELMS in order for a grade to be submitted for the experience.

Mikayla Connery

Pre-rotation Reflection

During my first year at UTHSC College of Pharmacy, one thing I learned that has stuck in my mind is the fact that pharmacists are the most accessible member of the healthcare team. As opposed to having to make an appointment to talk to their doctor, patients can easily go to their local community pharmacy and speak with their pharmacist about any questions or concerns they may have regarding their health. In the community setting, pharmacists provide a wide array of services such as patient education/counseling, medication reconciliation, and medication optimization to help improve the lives of our patients. Before beginning this rotation, I, unfortunately, have not had the opportunity to work in a pharmacy. I am hoping this experience will be a good introduction to the world of pharmacy and that I am able to learn more about how a community pharmacy operates. During this rotation, I am looking forward to gaining experience in working with real patients and other healthcare professionals to help build upon my developing communication skills. I am very much looking forward to working at Village Pharmacy because not only will I get experience working in a community pharmacy, but I also get the opportunity to do hands-on work within their compounding lab. I am most excited to see how the lab operates and learn all about the different medications they make for their patients, which will allow me to expand the knowledge that I have learned in sterile and non-sterile lab thus far. One goal I have for myself while working on rotation in a community pharmacy, is to learn how to effectively communicate with other healthcare professionals to resolve issues related to a patient's medication. Because I have not yet had any working pharmacy experience, I am hoping this rotation will help me to build my confidence and improve my pharmacist-patient communication skills, which may not be completely up to par yet. It has been hard to gain the experience and confidence over this past year with everything being virtual and not being able to have many in-person interactions. Overall, I anticipate this rotation will help me build upon my weaknesses and continue to grow my strengths. Where I lack in certain areas, I plan to make up for it with my strong work ethic, diligence, ability to multi-task, attention to detail, and ability to work well with others.