Winter FGM

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Officer Introductions:

James (President)

Riddhi (Internal VP)

Jessica (External VP)

Rida (Secretary)

Mable (Event Coordinator)

Janeene (Public Relations)

Celine (Digital Manager)

Stephanie (Treasurer)

Rania & Cindy (R&E Committee)

What is the Prepharmacy Club?

- Learn about pharmacy as a profession
- Resources to be a competitive applicant
- Networking opportunities with pharmacy students and professionals
 - Volunteering opportunities
- Build lasting relationships within pharmacy

Updates

- More socials
- More alumni experience
- More meetings with speakers from more diverse fields of pharmacy (not just retail)
 - o Residents from UCDMC for Q&A panel
- Accepted student panel

Active Membership Requirements

- 3 general meetings
- 2 R&E meetings
- 2 officer hours thru discord
- 1 social event
- \$5 membership fee (good for the whole year)
- We had 14 active members last quarter

• MOTQ for fall quarter 2021 is Amanda Leung

Officer Hours

- Officer hours start next week
 - o 2 days a week, 1 hr each time
 - o 2 officers will be present for every officer hour
- Online thru club discord on the voice channel
- Time to socialize, chill, ask officers anything
- Attendance counts as points towards PharmClans

Why Become an Active Member?

- Networking opportunities with UCSF, UOP, CNCP pharmacy schools
- Stand out in pharmacy school applications with active membership status
- Active members can receive awards and certificates at the end of the year
- You can increase your chances in becoming an officer for the next school year
- Chance to become Member of the Quarter
- Willow Clinic Pharmacy shadowing (program currently suspended due to COVID)
- Leadership or pharmacy volunteering opportunities

Socials

- PharmClans
 - Mentor/mentee program
 - Advice for pharmacy school or classes
 - Earn points for prizes
 - Lasting friendships
 - o Answering QOTD on discord counts as 0.5 points towards Pharmclans now

Upcoming Events

- 1/29, 7-8pm: UC Davis Medical Center Pharmacy PGY-1 Acute and Ambulatory Care Resident Panel (Q&A)
- USC Seminar
- Touro University Info session
- UCSD Flu shot and school info session
- Concordia University in Wisconsin
- Pharmacy Students from Western University
- HPA collaboration event 3 out of state pharmacy school info session
- Planned R&E meetings
- Planned Socials

R&E Presentation

Intro to Pharmacy & How to Get Pharmacy Technician License

Roles of Pharmacist

- Ensure medication safety
- Counsel and educate patients
- Administer vaccines
- Compound medications and prepare solutions
- Involvement during clinical trials in drug development

How to become a pharmacist

- Complete prerequisites for each school website
 - o PCAT is optional (not required for CA schools but required for out of state)
- Apply to a Pharmacy School to Earn PharmD
 - o Thru PharmCAS
 - o Interview
 - Pharmacy school (3-4 years)
- Get Licensed
 - o NPLEX (national exam)
 - o MPJE or state specific exam (pharmacy laws in specific state)
- Further experiences
 - o Residency in hospital
 - o Fellowship (research or industry)

Types of Pharmacy

• Retail, hospital (in-patient, out-patient), academia (teaching), industry, government, managed care

How to get started: Get a pharm tech license

- Tech role
 - Receive and fill prescriptions
 - Triage insurance rejections
- Steps
 - o Become eligible to take PTCE (pharmacy technician certification exam)
 - Two pathways: Complete recognized education on PTCB website OR have 500 hours of work experience as a clerk
 - o Pass PTCE
 - o Become licensed with CA State board of pharmacy
- Exam Prep
 - o 90 mult choice with 2 hrs to complete
 - o Scores between 1000-1600, 1400 is passing
- Applying for PTCE
 - o Exam is offered year-round

- Create a PTCB account
- Order the exam (\$120)
- Exam Day
 - o In person and online proctored exam
 - o Bring I.D.
 - You get results right away
 - Official results posted online 2-3 weeks after
- Get certified with State Board of Pharmacy
 - o Application fee is \$195
 - o Must have SSN and passport style photo
 - Proof of education
 - o PTCE certificate
 - Fingerprint live scan receipt
 - o Application may take up to \$45 days to be processed
- Pharm Tech License Renewal
 - o Renew fee is \$49
 - o Required to renew every 2 years
 - o Renew by continuing experience

Janeene's Experience

- RxTech Exam Pharmacy Tech training course
- Rxtechexam.com/home
- Gold course: \$200, platinum course: \$250 (PTCB Recognized training program)
- Given 5 months to complete but can finish in 1 month
 - o Must register to take the PTCE within 60 days after completing program
- Other resources such as Mosby's Review for Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam
- Online practice exams and quizzes
- Quizlet for top 100 drugs
- Can take exam in person or online proctored
 - Online proctored: cannot use your own calculator or scratch paper
- If you don't pass the first time, must wait 6 months to retake and reenroll in online course

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