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Benefits of Precepting...

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The College of Pharmacy at The University of Iowa values the efforts of volunteer faculty in the preparation of student pharmacists for successful careers in pharmacy. Student learning in patient care settings, businesses and research facilities enhances student understanding of previously acquired knowledge. It also allows the student to apply that knowledge in the real world, assisting in the provision of care or other services in a wide variety of settings.

The College of Pharmacy is committed to supporting not only our students in your practice setting, but also assisting you in providing a quality learning environment and developing the knowledge and skills you desire to improve your practice and your teaching skills. In order to accomplish these goals, the College makes a number of resources and services available to all of its Adjunct faculty who serve as Professional Experience Program preceptors. These resources are described in more detail below:

Faculty Appointment to the College of Pharmacy: Preceptors affiliated with the College's Professional Experience Program receive appointments as Adjunct Faculty in the College of Pharmacy. Once appointed the adjunct faculty member gains access to the full breadth of resources made available by the College. In addition to being listed as

faculty members in College publications, adjunct faculty automatically have full access to the on-line resources made available by The University of Iowa Libraries.

Appointment requires the completion of minimal paperwork and the submission of a resume or curriculum vitae.

Appointments are generally made for a period of three years and promotion to higher rank is possible based on quality and duration of service to the College (See Page 6).



Continuing Education:

As a Preceptor for the College of Pharmacy, you will receive either free or reduced price access to all continuing education programs originating in the College. Free continuing education programs and credit is given for all programs delivered by the Professional Experience Program. These programs include those focused on patient care skill development, and those focused on precepting skill development. Programs of this type will be offered several times per year. These programs either originate in Iowa City and are delivered around the state over the Iowa Communications Network, or will be delivered locally around the state for you to attend. We hope to have many of these programs available for your use by making them available over the World Wide Web.

Reduced price access to other continuing education programs originating in the College is given to preceptors as well.

Preceptors will also receive *The Preceptor*. This newsletter will be published several times each year and is intended to keep you up to date with what is happening with the Professional Experience Program at the College of Pharmacy. Articles discuss important issues related to the training of our students. Practical assistance is also provided for your use in improving your teaching skills or making your practice site a better place for the student to learn.

Preceptor Recognition:

The College of Pharmacy wants to recognize your contribution to the training of our students. Over the year we will host preceptor recognition programs at a number of sites around the

state. We invite you to attend the program in your area. Our intent is to say thank you, but we also want to listen to your thoughts on our program and our students. You are the profession of pharmacy, and we want your feedback on how we are doing developing the next generation of pharmacists. We always welcome your input, but this will offer you an opportunity to discuss your thoughts with us personally. We look forward to talking with all of you throughout the year.

Access to Drug Information Resources:

As Adjunct Faculty, you can access all the remotely available on-line resources available through The University of Iowa Libraries. Over the last year, the Libraries have greatly expanded the resources made available to the off-site user. The gateway for your access to these resources is the Hardin Library for Health Sciences web page. The URL for this page is <http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/> From this site you can access an extensive collection of full text reference books (StatRef), journals, and a wide variety of indexing and research tools. We feel it is important for you to have these tools that will allow you to extend the boundaries of your practice. We understand that practicing at an advanced level requires access to the best and most up to date information. We want to make that information available to you and to our students you are working with at your site. Take some time to check out all that is available through this resource.

While many sources are available on this web site, one of the most powerful tools available is a resource produced here at

the College. The Division of Drug Information Service at the College of Pharmacy produces the *Iowa Drug Information Service (IDIS)*. *IDIS* not only indexes a wide variety of journals that contain information about medications, but it also makes the full-text articles available to the user. Below is more information about the access to *IDIS*.

Educational programs on the use of these resources are presented as continuing education programs periodically. The students at your site are also a useful resource to assist you in learning to use these tools. As an added benefit, please note the information about available drug information consultation made available to you by the Iowa Drug Information Network (IDIN) at the end of the next section.

Resources and Services Provided by the Division of Drug Information Service, College of Pharmacy:

IDIS/Web

All preceptors (Adjunct Faculty) have full access to *IDIS/Web*. *IDIS/Web* appears in the "Clinical Corner" under Drug Reference and it also appears under "More Resources" pull down menu under Resources on Hardin Library for the Health Sciences web site: <http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin-www/home.html>

The above link will direct you through the main library's server. If you are using a computer from off-campus or one that does not have a University of Iowa IP address, you will be prompted for your HawkID and password. (see page 6) If you are using a computer that has a University of Iowa IP, you will not

be prompted for additional information. In either case, when the *IDIS/Web* login screen is displayed, leave the Username and Password fields blank and click Login.

IDIS CONTENT

- Indexed bibliographical records available from 1966 forward
- Full-text articles from 1997 available online
- Human drug therapy
- Clinical pharmaceutical information
- Unique coverage: U.S. FDA Summary Basis of Approvals, Herbal Medicine, and Pharmacy Continuing Education Credit
- Current - 90% of each monthly update contains articles published the preceding quarter

IDIS FEATURES

- Updated thesaurus of international drug names and diseases
- Direct link to the primary literature
- Searches may be saved for later use
- Send search results via email
- Compatible with bibliographic software
- Online help

IDIS/Web has a Basic and an Advanced Search Screen - both are very similar to *IDIS/CD-ROM* searching. The Help feature offers descriptions of each data element and explains how they are used. Help is always available via email, <mailto:idin@uiowa.edu>

If you need a brief review of searching *IDIS*, a two-page *Quick Reference Guide* is located at

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~idis/idisweb.htm>

*IDIS/*Web is made available as a courtesy to College of Pharmacy Adjunct Faculty. If the preceptor's institution would also like access to *IDIS/*Web, institutional subscriptions are available at one-half the published prices. For 2003, the full published *IDIS/*Web subscription price is \$4173 for one concurrent user.

World of Drug Information

The Division of Drug Information Service's quarterly publication, *World of Drug Information*, is sent to all preceptors. Each issue contains an ACPE approved continuing education article on a current clinical topic, a drug information clinical case study from an *IDIS* user, indexing notes for the *IDIS* database, and an annotated bibliography for new chemical entities recently approved by the FDA.

IDIN Web Gateway

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~idin/>

HerbaLinks

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~idis/herbalinks/>

This site has been created by pharmacists, for pharmacists. Our goal in providing this web site is to assist pharmacists in finding information concerning herbal medicines that is most useful for both the pharmacist and the patient. This meta-directory is a compilation of the sites that we consider to be the highest quality and most useful to pharmacists.

IDIN's Links

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~idin/idinlink.htm>

Web links in the following categories are maintained:

<u>University of Iowa</u>	<u>Medical/Pharmacy Information</u>
<u>Journals/Newsletters</u>	<u>Clinical Practice Guidelines</u>
<u>Evidence Based Medicine</u>	<u>Disease Specific Guidelines</u>
<u>Professional Associations</u>	<u>Companies/Manufacturers</u>
<u>Patient Education</u>	<u>US Federal Government</u>
<u>Disease Specific Patient Education</u>	<u>Other Sites</u>

Resources for Bio-terrorism

http://www.uiowa.edu/~idis/bio-terrorism_resources.htm

Drug Information Consult Service Provided by Clerkship Students Training at the Iowa Drug Information Network (IDIN)

Preceptors and P4C students have email, idin@uiowa.edu, and toll free telephone, 800-525-4347, access to drug information consult services, such as answering patient specific questions, help with drug information questions, and document delivery for pre-1997 *IDIS* articles.

This service is provided by P4C students under the direct supervision of College of Pharmacy faculty or pharmacists. Please note that this service is not available when students are not staffing IDIN. The IDIN web site, <http://www.uiowa.edu/~idin/>, posts the current student staffing status of the service.

Services Provision by Doctor of Pharmacy Candidates:

Students training at your site are a valuable resource for your practice. While students are not licensed and still need your guidance, they are highly motivated to become involved in the care or services provided at your site. Their energy and enthusiasm can be utilized to improve your practice. Many sites have taken the opportunity to have students increase their practice's ability to provide an increased volume or breadth of care to their patients. Student initiated projects are sustained by practices in many settings. Student provided services under your direction can and do improve the care and health of patients at your care site, or extend what your staff can accomplish in other settings.

We encourage you to immerse our students in your practice, fully engaging them in all that is occurring and can be experienced. Our students are capable of making significant contributions to your practice. We will publish thoughts from preceptors on incorporating students into your practice in each edition of *The Preceptor*.

Access to College of Pharmacy Computer Purchase Contract:

The College of Pharmacy has arranged for special pricing from Gateway® Inc. for the notebook computer used in the wireless network maintained in the Pharmacy Building. The same pricing has been extended to all students, faculty and staff of the College of Pharmacy. As an Adjunct Faculty member you may also purchase this computer at the

contract price. While you are not eligible for the special financing made available through The University of Iowa, this contract does result in significant savings. Microsoft Office software that may be purchased with your computer also is made available to you at a discounted price as part of this contract. More information can be found at the following [website](http://esource.gateway.com/uofipharmacy). (<http://esource.gateway.com/uofipharmacy>) You will find that Internet Explorer works best with this site.

Adjunct Faculty Promotions

We are continually working to improve our Professional Experience Program for students and faculty. Recognizing that many preceptors have held the same Adjunct Faculty rank for some time, we have re-evaluated our Adjunct Faculty appointment and promotion policies and procedures. We value your contribution and want to ensure you receive the appropriate recognition by the College for your effort. Below are the relevant portions of the guidelines for your review.

- Appointments will be made for a period of three years, with reconsideration of each appointment occurring at each renewal.
- Initial appointments will be made based on the qualifications of the individual, using the established guidelines. These guidelines consider the individual's educational background, their professional and teaching experience, and their professional achievements. To be considered for appointment the individual must supply their resume or curriculum vitae, and other requested information.
- Adjunct faculty may request consideration for promotion at the time of their renewal. It is recommended that the requests for promotion not be made

more frequently than every two appointment cycles, or six years.

- Requests for promotion will be considered by an Adjunct Faculty Promotion Committee appointed by the Dean in consultation with the appropriate Division Heads. The Committee will consist of three (3) members. One of the members will be an Adjunct faculty at or above the rank sought by the individual being considered for promotion. The other two members will be full-time faculty members of the College of Pharmacy.
- The Promotion Committee will use the established guidelines to judge the qualifications of the Adjunct faculty for promotion to the requested level. Educational background and professional and teaching experience will be the primary considerations. The individual's professional achievements and service to the College will be taken into consideration in regard to acceptability in meeting the requirements for a higher rank.

If you would like to be considered for promotion, please notify Jay Currie in writing (US or E-mail) of your request. The Promotion Committee meets twice each year to consider requests.

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HawkID and password

Most users already know their HawkID and password but some may not. If you need to determine your HawkID please go to the following web site for additional information:

<http://hawkid.uiowa.edu/>

While we can help you with your HawkID, concerns regarding internet security prevent us from providing you with your password. (we don't know what it is) You can get additional information about this at the web site given above. If you need your password, you will need to contact the University of Iowa Information Technology Services Help Desk personally, and they can get you a current password. Their number is:

319-384-HELP (4357)

Your HawkID and password will allow you to gain access to all the resources discussed.