

# PHARMD SPOTLIGHT



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### 1. What do you enjoy most about your position in the pharmaceutical industry?

As a clinical pharmacologist, I love the diverse nature of my job. Every day brings a new set of activities and challenges. I have the opportunity to wear different hats throughout the day - from operational tasks to scientific analysis and strategic decision-making. This variety keeps me engaged and excited about my role in clinical pharmacology.

### 2. What advice would you give to pharmacy students seeking to gain industry experience with an internship at a pharmaceutical company?

Participating in a summer internship is a fantastic way for pharmacy students to gain industry exposure. It provides a valuable opportunity to connect with professionals already working in the industry. Additionally, an internship offers a chance to learn about the collaborative dynamics between different functional teams within a pharmaceutical company. It's a great learning experience and a pathway to explore career possibilities in the industry.

### 3. What organizations or extracurricular activities would you suggest to current pharmacy students to get involved in to see if pursuing industry is right for them?

To gauge their interest in the pharmaceutical industry, pharmacy students can get involved in a wide range of organizations or extracurricular activities. Any organization can be beneficial since you can tailor your involvement to develop important "soft skills." For instance, taking on a project coordinator role within a non-industry-focused organization allows you to sharpen your project management and leadership abilities through teamwork with organization chairs and members.

### 4. How have your IPPE/APPE experiences helped prepare you for a career in the pharmaceutical industry?

During my IPPE and APPE experiences, I had the opportunity to gain valuable exposure and prepare for a career in the pharmaceutical industry. While IPPE provided a more structured experience, APPE allowed me to design my own schedule, enabling me to pursue a diverse range of experiences, both clinical and "non-traditional." However, it's important to note that not having specific industry experience beforehand doesn't hinder your chances of launching a career in the industry. You can also reach out to your preceptor and seek projects that simulate industry-related work to gain relevant experience.



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