

PHARMD SPOTLIGHT



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1. How has your PharmD degree helped you be successful in your current position?

Currently I am working in the medical affairs functional area in the pharmaceutical industry. My PharmD has helped set me up for success when it comes to understanding the science and the biostats of different studies that are published. Being able to understand the data streamlines the process when discussing the study with the team. Also, skillsets that we learn in pharmacy school and APPE rotations really sets you up for success when it comes time to work in the pharmaceutical industry.

2. What do you enjoy most about the company that you work for?

One of the things that I appreciate about my company is the culture. Everyone is very easy to speak with and willing to help foster your experiences as a PharmD fellow. The collaborative work environment aligns with my work style, and I really enjoy being able to learn different aspects of the pharmaceutical industry.

3. What inspired you to seek a job in the pharmaceutical industry as opposed to the more traditional pharmacist careers?

The dynamic nature of the industry really intrigued me about the pharmaceutical industry. This led me to network with many fellows, and as I spoke with more fellows, my interest kept increasing. This led me to go for an internship and I fell in love with the work that I was doing. It fit well with the type of work I was interested in, which led me to pursue a fellowship in the pharma industry.

4. What would you say to current pharmacy students who are eager to learn more about industry but are not convinced that it is the right career path for them?

My biggest piece of advice to students who are currently interested in learning about the industry would be to network with fellows and individuals who work in the industry to get a better understanding of what their day to day looks like. There are so many different functional areas in the pharma industry from medical and regulatory to commercial that PharmD's work within. Networking will not only help you get a better understanding of pharma, but also help guide you in which type of area you might be more interested in the industry. Another thing that would help give better insight would be going to a summer internship at a pharma company. Getting hands on exposure will help get a bigger picture of what the industry is and if you can see yourself working their long term.

