

## **SIUE School of Pharmacy Specialization Program**

### **Purpose**

To allow students who desire to focus on a specialized area of pharmacy, the ability to obtain concentrated training and recognition for such a focus.

### **Logistics**

If a student elects to pursue a specialization, the student would take didactic electives and advanced practice experience elective(s) that are designated for the specialization.

Focus areas for pharmacy career opportunities could be developed into specializations. Examples may include leadership, research, education, geriatric care, or other areas of advanced practice.

### **Recognition**

Specialization status with the University allows for the specialization to be documented on the student's official transcript.

### **Minimum Requirements for a Specialization**

Option A:

1. A student would complete a minimum of six didactic elective credits in a defined focus area. Independent study hours could be used for a portion of these hours.
2. A student would also complete one advanced practice experience (APPE) elective related to the focus area. Availability of a specialization may be limited by the number of APPE sites available.

Option B:

1. A student would complete a minimum of four didactic elective credits in a defined focus area. Independent study hours could be used for a portion of these hours.
2. A student would also complete two APPE electives related to the focus area. The second APPE must be designated as a specialty elective with more rigor than the first specialty APPE. Availability of a specialization to students may be limited by the number of APPE sites available.

### **Process for Approval of Specialization**

1. A proposal outlining the justification and curricular requirements for the specialization should be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs. The proposal will be reviewed and approved by the SOP Curriculum Committee and the SOP faculty.
2. Course syllabi for the curricular requirements (didactic and experiential) would be reviewed and approved per the SOP Curriculum Policy.
3. If there is a limited number of students who may participate in a given elective (didactic or experiential) each year, the application/selection process and criteria for selecting students must be presented on the proposal for individual specializations.