**Ambulatory Care Concentration**

The Ambulatory Care Concentration provides students in the professional phase of the PharmD program to with an opportunity to further develop and enhance skills related to practice in this growing area.

The Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS) defines Ambulatory Care Pharmacy as “the provision of integrated, accessible healthcare services by pharmacists who are accountable for addressing medication needs, developing sustained partnerships with patients, and practicing in the context of family and community”. Ambulatory Care Pharmacy services are provided in diverse practice settings including outpatient clinics, community pharmacies, and telehealth. In 2011, BPS recognized Ambulatory Care Pharmacy as a distinct specialty within the profession by credentialing pharmacists through BCACP examination and certification. The BCACP credential is the second most common BPS credential held by pharmacists practicing in the U.S. In 2014, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists also recognized this evolution of practice by revising their mission and brand to include pharmacists practicing in ambulatory care settings.

Ambulatory care pharmacists typically train through the completion of a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice or Community Practice Residency and some go on to complete PGY2 Ambulatory Care residencies. The data suggest that this practice area is of growing interest among pharmacy graduates. In the last 7 years, the number of Ambulatory Care PGY2 programs have more than tripled (39 in 2010 to 132 in 2017) and there are now 190 PGY1 community-based pharmacy residency programs, with many of these programs partially or entirely based in an ambulatory care practice environment.

The Ambulatory Care Concentration consists of the coursework and experiential education detailed below.

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<td>Clinical Prep for Community Pharmacy Practice (PHPR 479)</td>
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<td>Seminar on Current Practice Guidelines in Ambulatory Care (PHPR 478)</td>
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<td>Ambulatory Care Models - Development, Implementation and Sustainability (PHPR )</td>
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**Fall or Spring PY3**

**Completion of 1 additional elective course from the following list:**
- Advanced Concepts in Oncology (PHIN 451) -3 credits
- Selected Topics in Geriatrics (PHPR 465) -3 credits
- General Pediatrics & Neonatology Pharmacotherapy (PHPR 477) -3 credits

**PY4**

| Completion of a RAM at a site with designation of fulfilling the requirement | 4 credits |

**Total 13 credits**

*Students in the Ambulatory Care concentration will have either 2 elective credits in Fall with 7 elective credits in Spring OR 5 elective credits in Fall with 4 elective credits in Spring depending on which additional elective is selected. The various options are provided to allow flexibility in individual preferences. Several course are offered in hybrid online formats, students should consult with course faculty for additional information when making these selections.*

The concentration is limited to a minimum of 5 students and a maximum of 15. An interview process will be utilized if student interest in the course exceeds 15. Students can contact Dr. Stewart-Lynch for more information (stewar14@duq.edu)

References
https://www.bpsweb.org/bps-specialties/ambulatory-care/
https://www.ashp.org/Pharmacy-Practice/Resource-Centers/Ambulatory-Care