

Professional Stewardship

The following are characteristics of professional stewardship that should be considered by Student Pharmacists on a viable Professional Development Path.

Hold membership and actively participate in professional organizations.

Maintain vigilance of developments in professional practice (professional journals, meetings, etc.) – Self-learning and professional development need to begin during pharmacy school. Thus, Student Pharmacists must assume responsibility for learning and professional development beyond that presented in formal classroom sessions. This includes attendance at meetings and reading of professional journals to develop one's ongoing abilities.

Attend and participate in local, state, and national meetings – Participation in professional meetings affords student pharmacists the opportunity to learn, interact with senior colleagues, and shape the professional future of Pharmacy.

Participate in activities that promote the Pharmacy Profession – Student Pharmacists can participate in various events that promote the Pharmacy Profession and advance the health of the community, including actively engaging in solving public health issues that impact quality of life.

Proactively improve practice through participation in legislative and regulatory processes – Student Pharmacists should be knowledgeable about those issues which influence the health of patients and the practice of Pharmacy. Pharmacists (including Student Pharmacists) have an obligation to advocate for policies that will improve patient health by facilitating the provision of optimum drug therapy.