

2017 NCPDP Foundation Scholarship Fund Recipients

Please meet the two scholarship recipients from Temple University School of Pharmacy:

Temple University School of Pharmacy



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Pharm.D. Candidate 2017



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Pharm.D. Candidate 2017

During the 2016-2017 academic year, these students distinguished themselves from their peers during a 6-week ambulatory care Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) rotation which provided opportunity to provide patient care services in two different settings. The first involved an internal medicine residents' clinic. Under the direct supervision of a preceptor, these students provided comprehensive medication management services to physician-referred patients within the ambulatory care clinic. They operated within the framework of collaborative practice agreements in the areas of anticoagulation, diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, gout, and chronic refills.

The second practice setting involved a unique opportunity to help create a Medication Therapy Management service in collaboration with Temple University Hospital outpatient pharmacy. These students helped to pilot this new patient care opportunity. They demonstrated creativity and problem solving skills in order to shape the opportunity and identify opportunities for quality improvement.

These students optimized the care of their patients by skillfully navigating two separate technology platforms and demonstrating excellent problem solving skills to synthesize the information into one cohesive assessment. They became proficient with the use of the electronic medical record in conjunction with the OutcomesMTM[®] platform, which extracts health plan data in order to identify opportunities for clinical intervention. Each student was able to recognize data gaps and elicit the appropriate data from multiple sources in order to create a complete clinical picture. As a result, they were able to identify, resolve and monitor gaps in care, non-adherence, high-risk medication use, and cost saving opportunities. They effectively prioritized drug related problems and were able to support their assessments with the data they had gathered. Their proficiency with information technology was a meaningful contributor to the creation of an efficient workflow and the optimization of therapeutic plans for many patients. Their empathy, dedication and conscientiousness elicited the trust of the patients they served and they were excellent representatives of the school and the profession of pharmacy.