

## Banff Seminar: An Opportunity to Learn and Meet People



The Banff Seminar is the highlight of March for many pharmacists and students including myself! It is the perfect opportunity to meet former colleagues and increase our circle of friends by meeting practicing

pharmacists from all four Western provinces. Whether it is listening to a colleague's experiences, or sharing a personal story, the Banff Seminar gives everyone a chance to learn from one another while laughing and having an enjoyable time.

During the seminar, students are given the chance to meet many practicing pharmacists specialized in various healthcare fields. As a result, students increase their awareness on the various career paths they may choose after graduation. By learning about the advantages and disadvantages of the different career options, students would be inclined to make better informed decisions for their own careers. Potential graduates also increase their connections for the future as they meet practicing pharmacists from all four Western provinces.

The seminar also allows practicing pharmacists to gain more knowledge about the profession by listening to the students' point of view. Students are made fully aware of the changes in the profession during school and thus, pharmacists may gain more insight on these types of changes at the seminar. In addition, after meeting and gaining more information on the students' interests in pharmacy, pharmacists may advise them on their potential career paths.

The Banff Seminar is an ideal opportunity for students and practicing pharmacists to interact with each other and with their colleagues. It is a great opportunity to bring the practicing world and the academic world closer when they are both sharing a common interest: pharmacy.

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