

Dear CSHP AB Branch Members,

We are once again calling for pharmacist members to host our student supporters for the year. Our Host Program enables students to formally connect with pharmacists practicing in institutional settings and explore hospital practice.

Students and pharmacists will be matched and introduced via email. The student will be responsible for initiating first contact. Each pharmacist volunteer will be assigned **up to 2 students** to "host" with the objective of giving students more opportunities to meet and explore different institutional practices. Matches will occur randomly with the exception of geographic location preference outside of Edmonton given priority. The program runs from February – December 2020, and communication is encouraged via multiple methods. More details can be found in the attached document.

If you are willing and interested in "hosting" a student (or are a student looking for a host) please fill out the online form below by **February 7th, 2020**. Students are very keen to learn about institutional practice and you are an excellent resource to do so!

<https://forms.gle/SFW4EB1qrkVZiM7d9>

Pharmacist benefits

- Demonstrates professionalism and a commitment to personal and professional development
- Provides intrinsic satisfaction
- Gain exposure to the fresh ideas of those who will shape the future of our profession
- Opportunity to learn interests and concerns of new practitioners
- Assist a practitioner in shaping his or her future career path
- Opportunity to strengthen knowledge base and improve communication skills
- Enhance leadership, teaching, and coaching skills
- Create new support networks with other professionals
- Promote greater collegiality across practices
- Reflect on your own practice and development

“Having CSHP students come spend time with me in clinic is always an enjoyable learning experience for me! It's engaging to interact with them without any of the stress you sometimes feel when being a preceptor or educator. They never fail to ask me a question that makes me think; this allows me to identify any gaps in my own knowledge and process. I find the experience not only fun, but a good way to further my practice.”

***Teri Charrois
CSHP Member***

Student benefits

- Provides a forum for dialogue and networking with practicing pharmacists in Alberta
- Opportunity to discuss career options in hospital and related practice settings (e.g., ambulatory care, primary care, home care, research, academia)
- Become familiar with challenges and current issues in the profession

- Gain exposure to diverse perspectives and experiences
- Gain a greater knowledge of career success factors
- Improve communication skills
- Develop a professional relationship for guidance and support
- Increase self-confidence

“Participating in the CSHP host program has been a wonderful experience. Through connecting with my mentors, I have gotten a broad overview of the role of pharmacists in tertiary care settings and immersed myself in many opportunities that come with a career in hospital pharmacy. Most importantly, my mentors have been incredibly kind and encouraging of my growth as a future pharmacist. I now aspire to become a change agent for the pharmacy profession and my motivation comes from my CSHP mentors, whose clinical, academic, and project management work directly translate to improved patient care.”

Dillon Lee

PharmD Student, Class of 2020

CSHP Student Supporter

Rene Breault
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