



# Be the Match! Mentor Program

Pharmacist-Student Statewide Mentor Program University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy

# **Objective:**

The objective of our pharmacist-student mentor program is to match students with pharmacist mentors, promoting pharmacists to share their knowledge and experiences they have accumulated as professionals.

## Plan:

At the beginning of the school year, SSHP student members at the University of Rhode Island who are interested in matching with a pharmacist mentor completed a survey. The survey questions identified goals that students wanted from the mentor program (i.e., general advice, CV/resume review, shadowing experiences, assistance on selecting APPE rotations, research/project opportunities, other), area(s) of pharmacy the student is interested in, and whether or not they would like to be matched with a mentor based on interests. We sent a separate survey to pharmacists involved in our state chapter, RISHP, to identify mentors for students. The survey included questions about the pharmacist's job title, work site, contact information, what area(s) of pharmacy they work/specialize in, and research interests.

#### Outcome:

Within our SSHP, 31 students completed the survey and were interested in being matched with a pharmacist mentor. Currently, we are working on recruiting pharmacists to participate in the program. We envision students being matched with pharmacists who specialize in areas of pharmacy they are interested or would like to learn more about. We hope this program will permit students to create connections and have another person they can turn to for career advice.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

GAUGE INTEREST: have students complete a survey if they are interested in participating in the mentor program

FIND MENTORS: send a survey to pharmacists involved in your state affiliate chapter

CREATE MATCHES!

INTRODUCE THE PAIRS: organize a social event to allow student/pharmacist pairs to meet each other

FOLLOW-UP: periodically check in with students to understand how well the mentor program is working

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