FELLOWSHIP IN COMMUNITY PHARMACY PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH

This 2-year Fellowship program was established within the Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics at the University of Pittsburgh in 2007. The goal of this Fellowship program is to provide graduates with a strong foundation in scholarship pertaining to community pharmacy practice with an emphasis placed on developing community pharmacy practice leaders and future faculty members. This year, we are specifically recruiting for a fellow in partnership with Asti’s South Hills Pharmacy. The fellow will be a key member of the Asti’s South Hills Pharmacy team and our school’s community-based research, innovation, education and practice initiatives.

Core Learning:
The core learning experiences of the Fellowship program consists of mentored practice development and research (approximately 80%-90% of the fellow’s effort) with the remaining time devoted to teaching and/or community-based direct patient care. Specific activities are individualized to meet the fellow’s interests and career goals. The program co-directors and a committee consisting of community practice leaders, including Asti’s South Hills Pharmacy, and faculty members with expertise in community pharmacy practice and health services/health outcomes research advise the fellow. The fellow meets weekly with program co-directors and every 6 months with the full committee.

Practice Partnerships:
Community Pharmacy Practice: Asti’s South Hills Pharmacy – primary practice partner
The Fellow will also have the opportunity to work with:
- Pennsylvania Pharmacist Care Network/CPESN: over 150 pharmacies in Pennsylvania, and partnership with CPESN USA nationwide
- Public Health: Allegheny County Health Department and PittCoVax Center (University-wide vaccinations)
- Underserved Care: Grace Lamsam Program for the Underserved
- Family Medicine: UPMC St. Margaret Family Health Centers, Renaissance Family Practices

Mentored research and Practice Development activities:
The ACCP Guidelines for Clinical Research Fellowship Training Programs list several skills that are essential to achieving competency in clinical research. In the community practice research fellowship, the majority of these skills are developed through the completion of practice development and research under the guidance of the fellowship co-directors and practice preceptors. As part of these research efforts, the fellow is required to gain experience in grantsmanship through authoring and submitting at least 1 grant application for funding consideration. The fellow is also required to gain experience in the scholarship of teaching, providing the opportunity for course material design and formal evaluation.

The fellow will work closely with the Asti’s South Hills Pharmacy team in the growth and evaluation of patient care services. The pharmacy is a leader within the Pennsylvania Pharmacist Care Network/CPESN USA. This affords consideration opportunity to collaborate with this clinically integrated network and the growth and evaluation of patient care services statewide.

A competitive stipend with benefits and travel support is provided. Applicants should possess a PharmD degree and preferably have prior residency experience relevant to community practice.
Fellowship Graduates:

- **2007-09**: Margie E. Snyder, PharmD, MPH: Associate Professor (with Tenure), Purdue University
- **2013-15**: Jennifer L. Bacci, PharmD, MPH, BCACP: Assistant Professor, University of Washington
- **2016-18**: Hannah Renner, PharmD, MPH: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, UPMC Health Plan
- **2019-2022**: Sophia Cothrel Herbert, PharmD: Current Fellow
- **2020-2022**: Kelsey Hake, PharmD: Current Fellow

Fellowship Graduate Publications based on work completed during Fellowship:


**Application includes:** Letter of Intent, CV, three letters of recommendation, and a statement of practice development and research interests (1-2 pages describing vision for community-based research and practice advancement).

**Applications due by June 11, 2021 to Alison Zappa:** [aaz13@pitt.edu](mailto:aaz13@pitt.edu) Applications will be reviewed upon receipt.

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