University of Florida College of Pharmacy Career Days 2015

Register Today!

This event is designed to give you the opportunity to interview with potential employers on campus in one location, on one day. There will be exhibit booths for you to stop by and learn more about available positions, company benefits, and most importantly, network. If you are a student assigned to one campus but you are completing rotations near another campus, you are welcome to attend their Career Fair.

You should come prepared with multiple copies of your resume in a nice portfolio. Set aside some time to update your resume and locate your Career Day attire.

Your participation in Career Days is crucial not only for your personal career plans but also for the College of Pharmacy. An excellent turnout by students is necessary to continue to attract employers to visit the University of Florida College of Pharmacy. Therefore, you should plan on attending for the exhibits and meeting the representatives even if you do not sign up for any interviews.

Dates and Locations:

- November 2, 2015 – Gainesville (Hilton University of Florida Conference Center)
- November 3, 2015 – Jacksonville (Banquet Room)
- November 12, 2015 – St. Petersburg (Conference Center)
- November 13, 2015 – Orlando (UF Research and Academic Center at Lake Nona)
NOTE: ORL Registration closes 11/12 at NOON
STP Registration closes 11/11 at NOON
GNV: Registration closes on 10/30 at NOON
JAX: Registration closes on 10/30 at NOON

*Please review your commitments to these friends of the College.* If you need to cancel an interview time, please do so before the site closes.

You will not see any interview time slots for Target in the web site/scheduler. Please refer to the link for details concerning their recruitment process.

If you were not selected for an interview, but would still like an opportunity to discuss career options, Target requests that you meet with them at the Career Fair.

**Careers in Pharmacy**

Please take a minute to visit the [Careers in Pharmacy](#) site. This has been redesigned to help assist with your career planning needs. Please take note of the [GATOR CareerLink module](#) available through the [Career Resource Center](#) (CRC). This is an invaluable tool and we encourage everyone to register and utilize it in preparation for this important event. If you need assistance with your CV or resume, please reach out to our dedicated College of Pharmacy Liaisons: Melissa Lyon, Assistant Director for Career Exploration and Education, and Eirini Chaddon, Assistant Director for Recruitment Services.

The CRC offers an [array of services](#) including resume critiquing, career planning, and a virtual [mock interview](#) service called ‘Interview Stream’. This gives you the ability to select general and industry-specific questions (there are some specific to pharmacy) and then practice/record your answers with a webcam. You can share your recorded interview with faculty or other mentors for feedback. The system also offers two good alternate ways of answering the question so you can see what a good answer to the question looks like. The ‘Interview Stream’ is available on the home page once you log into the GATOR CareerLink.
**Gold Sponsor Presentations** – *Sunday, November 1st, 6:00 pm* - The Gold Sponsors will be offering presentations lasting approximately 15 minutes each. This event provides you with company specific information and gives you an opportunity to meet with representatives one on one. RSVP Information to follow!

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the Career Day Campus Coordinators.

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*We look forward to seeing you!*
Some questions you may want to ask include the following:

- **For chain community pharmacy employers**, you might want to ask what is the forecast for hiring pharmacists over the next several years, i.e., what are the growth expectations for the company?

- What are the opportunities for advancement in the company, e.g., from staff pharmacist to pharmacy manager to district or regional manager?

- What are the usual weekly work schedules for pharmacists? Does the work schedule allow more than one pharmacist to be on duty during peak times of activity?

- Is there an expectation that pharmacists spend time outside the prescription department (time permitting) to talk with patients in the store aisles regarding OTC products, herbals, vitamins, health supplies, etc.?

- Are medication therapy management services expected?

- What are the benefits for employees in the company (health insurance, liability insurance, continuing education support, professional development support to registration and travel to pharmacy meetings, vacation time, sick time, retirement plans)?

- What is the starting salary? What are incentives to warrant increases in salary?

For hospital pharmacy operations, you may want to ask similar questions as above and some of the following:

- **Do pharmacists rotate to different responsibilities in the pharmacy department**, e.g., in-patient dispensing, outpatient clinic, drug information center, sterile product preparation, specialty clinics such as anticoagulation or diabetes education, pharmacokinetic consultation, etc.?

- **Is the pharmacy operation centralized or de-centralized with units on particular clinical services in the hospital**?

- **Is there a pharmacy residency program at the hospital**?
• Is there opportunity to conduct research at the hospital with other pharmacists and/or other health care providers?

• Do pharmacists participate in code blue incidents?

• What kinds of clinical specialty services are available at the hospital (e.g., oncology, critical care, cardiology, infectious disease, etc.)?

We hope you enjoy the opportunity to learn and network at the Career Days.