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MEMORANDUM

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Date: April 8, 2015

RE: Memorandum of Understanding – Colleges of Pharmacy and Health Professions

This memorandum of understanding is established by and between the College of Pharmacy (COP) and College of Health Professions (COHP) on behalf of the Department of Health Informatics and Information Management (HIIM). The COP has expressed an interest in allowing its students the opportunity to attain a Master's in Health Informatics and Information Management. The HIIM currently offers a 33-hour post-baccalaureate degree option that includes those courses noted below:

MHIM 600 Information Technology and Systems
MHIM 601 Quality Management in Health Services
MHIM 602 Legal Issues in Health Information Technology and Systems
MHIM 603 Leadership for Health Information Technology and Systems
MHIM 604 Financial Management for Health Professionals
MHIM 605 Healthcare Information Systems
MHIM 606 Healthcare Vocabularies and Clinical Terminologies
MHIM 607 Statistics and Decision Making
MHIM 608 Knowledge Management
MHIM 609 Concepts of Research Methodology
MHIM 610 Issues in Health Information Technology Seminar
MHIM 613 Applied Research Project

The COHP agrees to the following stipulations:

1. The Master's in HIIM option will be made available to first- or second-year student pharmacists beginning with the 2015 summer session.
2. In order to be eligible for consideration, a student: 1) must have either a bachelor's degree or have completed the first year of the doctor of pharmacy program (PharmD); and 2) a COP cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 after the first professional year.
3. Students must apply to the COHP and be accepted into the HIIM program. To do this, a student must: 1) submit one letter of recommendation from a professor in the COP; 2) submit an essay to the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, College of Pharmacy, describing the applicant's career goals as they apply to the fields of pharmacy and health informatics, and 3) complete a personal interview with the HIIM selection committee.

FOURTH PROFESSIONAL YEAR			
Fall Semester		**Spring Semester**	
July	4 (0-4)	January	4 (0-4)
August	4 (0-4)	February	4 (0-4)
September	4 (0-4)	March	4 (0-4)
October	4 (0-4)	April	4 (0-4)
November	4 (0-4)	May	4 (0-4)
	3 (3-0)	Knowledge Management (HIIM 608)	3 (3-0)
Leadership and Health Information (HIIM 603)	3 (3-0)		
Concepts in Research Methodology (HIIM 609)	3 (3-0)		
TOTAL HOURS			**162**

IPECS, Interprofessional Education and Clinical Simulation

During the final three semesters all students must take a minimum of eleven (11) 1-month APPE rotations. *The student must also take an additional 4 credit hours (generally within 1 month) in elective therapeutic courses.

1   Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (2 weeks of Community and 2 weeks of Institutional)
5   Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences in Patient Care
1   Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience in Ambulatory Care
1   Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience in Community Pharmacy Practice
1   Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience in Institutional Pharmacy Practice
3   Advanced Practice Experiences in Patient Care or Other Professional Experience

POST-GRADUATION

Applied Research Project (HIIM 613)	3 (3-0)