

Instructional Faculty Consortium Committee Meeting (IFCC)

MINUTES

11-01-11

10:00 AM

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PROGRAM	Pharmacy Technician
FACILITATOR	Ruth Thompson
SECRETARY	Ruth Thompson
ATTENDEES	Jack Shepherd, Heart of Georgia Matt Brown, Southeastern Shelley Johnson, Southern Crescent Betty Finney, Central Georgia Christy Bivins, North Georgia Teresa Mitchell, Georgia Northwestern Amy Ryan, Southwest Georgia Frank Bennett, Wiregrass Sasha Dennis, Lanier Robbie Howard, Atlanta

Agenda Topics

GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS] 5 MINUTES SHELLEY JOHNSON

DISCUSSION	Each person present introduced him or herself. All welcomed Matt Brown from Southeastern Technical College.		
CONCLUSIONS	NA		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
NA			

PHAR 1010 15 MINUTES SHELLEY JOHNSON

DISCUSSION	Changes to PHAR 1010 to removed unnecessary chemistry competencies are complete.		
CONCLUSIONS	PHAR 1010 should be taught using the latest version of the course.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
NA			

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN REGISTRATION 30 MINUTES ALL

DISCUSSION	Unofficially, faculty has been told that students only need to register as a pharmacy technician once before beginning clinicals and then again after they are employed. Students should have passed the background check before attending clinicals even if their registration is still in progress. Heart of Georgia has the college required background check, college required drug screening and Certified Pharmacy Technician Exam tied to PHARM 1040 and these costs are PELL eligible.	
CONCLUSIONS	Faculty would like clarification on student registrations, especially what pharmacy code number the student should enter in the application when the internship is at a federal agency which does not have a state pharmacy code number.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Ruth will email the board to see what code number the student should enter on initial registration.	Ruth Thompson	January 2012
Jack will send his student handbook to share PELL information.	Jack Shepherd	December 2011

INTERNSHIP EVALUATION SHEETS 10 MINUTES RUTH THOMPSON

DISCUSSION	Committee members wanted to know the result of sending in the student evaluation sheets to Ruth.	
CONCLUSIONS	One of the evaluation sheets was given to a member of the Georgia Pharmacy Association to let pharmacists know what is expected of them when they have a student intern.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
NA		

TCSG COURSE SEQUENCE/PRE-CO REQUISITES 30 MINUTES ALL

DISCUSSION	Faculty shared course sequencing.	
CONCLUSIONS	Options vary.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
NA		

CLINICAL SITES

10 MINUTES

RUTH

DISCUSSION	Ruth asked if colleges are still having difficulty placing students in clinical sites. Colleges have had to take over more paperwork to make the process easier for the participating pharmacies, but most seem to be adjusting to the requirement of the students to register..		
CONCLUSIONS	Problems remain at Valdosta and Heart of Georgia. Ruth is in the process of discussions with district managers of chain pharmacies to see if more interns can be placed.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Ruth will continue in discussions, targeting CVS, Rite Aid and Kroger.	Ruth Thompson	none	

CURRICULUM

15 MINUTES

RUTH

DISCUSSION	Ruth asked if the curriculum for semesters was working so far. Two items were discussed. One is the continued problem of students not being full time during the entire program at colleges that require all pre-requisites to be complete before program admission. The other was the question of why the Pharmacy Assistant TCC has a different clinical course than the Pharmacy Technician program. At some time in the past, students took a keyboarding class.		
CONCLUSIONS	Heart of Georgia and Southern Crescent require all pre-requisite courses to be completed prior to program admission and would like to have credit hours increased so students will be full time. Ruth explained that the program is already at the maximum number of hours and suggested altering course sequence or brainstorming for other ways to have the students be full time without increasing program hours for that purpose.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Faculty will circulate a petition requesting that a keyboarding elective be added to the curriculum.	Shelley Johnson		

NEXT MEETING

5 MINTUES

RUTH

DISCUSSION	The group should schedule another meeting.		
CONCLUSIONS	The group would like to meet during the summer when they have completed the curriculum cycle.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	