

## **Student Success Programs Available at the UMKC School of Pharmacy**

### **Pharmacy “Boot Camp”**

Designed to assist incoming first-year pharmacy students with the transition from undergraduate to graduate studies. Students complete a series of 13 different “modules” to get familiar with courses and course expectations including technology needs, introduce the curriculum and co-curriculum, become aware of resources available for support success no matter the need, review financial aid and money management practices as a student, and receive tips on professionalism. In addition, a series of self-assessments at the end of each module document and attest to the student’s completion.

### **Pro-Active Student Success Program (PASS Program)**

This program helps identify early factors that may contribute to academic struggles. This can include prior grades and GPA’s as well as self-assessment scores in the areas of grit, resilience, and stress. As a result, students will meet with one of our two Learning Specialists to complete the Academic Preparedness questionnaire and receive guidance on developing meaningful study plans and habits.

### **Student Teachers Enhancing Pharmacist Success (STEPS to Success and Mentoring`)**

Peer mentoring and classroom guidance/assistance offered for members of the P1, P2, and P3 classes. These sessions consist of one-hour, on-line or “virtual” drop-in opportunity for students to receive assistance with their courses and receive mentoring from Student Ambassador peers. P1 sessions are available on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 pm, P2 sessions are available on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 pm, and P3 sessions are available on Sundays from 7 to 8 pm.

### **Success and Wellness Program (SAW Program)**

This is a monthly series of virtual programming, also referred to as “First and Third Thursdays.” On the first Thursday of the month students will have the chance to virtually join a 30-minute live program with a topic expert covering areas designed to help students be successful. Topics include professionalism, managing test anxiety and understanding accommodations, mental health, professional communication, email management, and student research. Programming is geared towards to students in their P1 to P4 years.

The third Thursday is designed as a two-hour NAPLEX Board Exam topic review session. During these sessions you will learn from content and disease state experts who are on faculty. These sessions are designed as a topic review to help you identify what your current understanding level is of the topic and identify areas where the student may want to devote additional study time. These sessions also include a Pharmacy Law review. Programming is geared towards students in their P4 year.

Additionally, each student has an on-site faculty advisor to assist with guidance and managing the rigors of pharmacy school. There is also a **Student Success Notification System** in place to help students who may be having trouble in a particular course. In these cases, the Associate Dean for Student Affairs reaches out to students scoring less than 70% on an exam to identify potential sources of help and offer guidance, including referrals to faculty advising, course coordinators, instructors, and the STEPS program.

If you have any questions about these programs, please don't hesitate to contact the Office of Student Affairs at 816-235-1613 or contact the Associate Dean for Student Affairs (Dr. Stoner) at 816-235-5464 or [stoners@umkc.edu](mailto:stoners@umkc.edu).