

APPE Reflection

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As a P4 student pharmacist, I have had the privilege of being part of this unforgettable internship learning experience. In fact, this has been by far the highlight of my college years. Not only has this program provided me with a vast range of useful technical skills and promoted the establishment of a healthy pharmacist-patient relationship, but it has also left a positive mark on me that has paved the way for my future career as a pharmacist. Moreover, this internship has equipped me with the necessary tools to supplement my didactic training received as student. Indeed, this program would not have been as equally successful had it not been graced by the instruction of my current preceptor, Dr. Jessica Greenwood. By definition, a preceptor is an experienced practitioner who provides supervision during clinical practice and facilitates the application of theory to practice for students and staff learners.

However, Dr. Jessica Greenwood is undeniably more than what that definition indicates. As a matter of fact, during this educational period, she demonstrated that she was truly someone who showed an interest in teaching. Besides, she related to me as an individual. She encouraged discussion of any and all relevant topics that were being addressed. She was extremely knowledgeable and was always accessible and willing to go the extra mile when it came to teaching and assisting her students. Also, she always provided feedback and served as a role model to me. She was always very organized and would spend instructional quality instructional time with me. Her academic command of the situations presented during this training was beyond admirable.

To sum up, this short period of time has provided me with a better and everlasting understanding of my role as a pharmacist in the health care environment. It has ultimately fostered widespread and thorough awareness of the mandate to the public I will serve as pharmacist.