

Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Office of Continuing Education
***Appropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances: A Program for
Physicians and Dentists***

Introduction

The Office of Continuing Education at Mercer University's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is pleased to announce the availability of the program "Appropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances" in an interactive, Internet-based Blackboard format. This program has been approved by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners as fulfilling the requirements for an "appropriate prescribing" mini-residency for practitioners seeking reinstatement of professional licensure. At the present time, no continuing medical education credits are available for this program.

Appropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances is designed to update physicians and dentists in the pharmacology, therapeutic use, abuse and appropriate prescribing of the major categories of controlled substances. Seminar participants include practitioners who are:

- ***Interested*** in upgrading clinical skills for prescribing drugs and chemical substances associated with high abuse potentials
- ***Involved*** in the treatment or rehabilitation of substance abusers
- ***At risk*** for being targeted by drug-seekers, and/or
- ***Seeking*** reinstatement of a professional license

During this program, participants will read and evaluate pertinent basic science and clinical literature pertaining to the appropriate use of controlled substances, participate in activities through discussions and e-mail exchanges, and visit websites containing the most current information available.

Goals and Objectives

Following completion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of relevant factors associated with drug misuse and abuse and the etiologies of dependence on drugs and chemicals
- Describe and discuss the clinical pharmacology and therapeutic use of controlled substances including stimulants, anabolic steroids, appetite suppressants, opiates, sedative-hypnotics, anxiolytics and ethanol
- Recognize the physical and behavioral characteristics associated with substance abuse
- Discuss the legal basis of state and federal drug control policies related to prescribing, use and dispensing of controlled substances

Course Admission Guidelines

Participants must have Internet access and an e-mail account.

Participants are admitted to this course following submission of the registration form and payment of fees. This program is provided on a continuous basis. Registration for the program can occur at any time, except during University holidays, and participants may begin the course shortly thereafter. Usually, 7 - 10 working days are required for processing of applications and enrollment.

Following admission, the participant's name and identification number will be added to the class roll and information will be provided via e-mail which will allow the student access to the Blackboard course management system at Mercer University.

Course Description

The course is divided into five modules which should be completed in order. Each module begins with a self-evaluation quiz and ends with an examination covering the materials presented in the module.

Within each module are included a baseline knowledge quiz, instructions for students, goals and objectives, topical outline, reading list, websites, discussion questions and a module examination. The baseline knowledge quiz and module examination are accessed from the Blackboard course homepage.

Each module is started by completion of the baseline knowledge quiz. Next is the review of readings, websites and any other materials provided. After completing the assigned materials, discussion questions are answered and any class assignments are completed and submitted via e-mail. Finally, the module is completed with submission of the module examination. Each module examination will have a time limit for completion; therefore, the examination must be completed in one sitting.

Grading and Final Grade Determination

The final grade for this course will be determined on a pass/fail basis with passing being an average score of 65% or higher. Calculation of the final grade will be based on the following scale:

Discussion questions and class assignments	40%
Module exams	50%
Class participation	10%

Participants must achieve a minimum grade of 60% on all module exams. If a grade is below 60%, the exam must be retaken after the participant has had more time to review the assignments for that module.

At the conclusion of the course, a certificate of completion will be provided by the Office of Continuing Education.

REGISTRATION FORM

Appropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances

Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Office of Continuing Education

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Office phone: _____

Cell phone: _____ Social Security #: _____

Professional license #: _____ State: _____

E-mail address: _____

Tuition for this course of study is \$2,250 and includes all educational materials. The course is delivered in an on-line format using the Blackboard course management system. Access to this system is included in course tuition.

Full payment must accompany this registration form to secure your entrance into the course of study. This fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Charge \$2,250.00 to my: MasterCard Visa AMEX Discover

Account #: _____ Exp: _____
Security Code (last 3 digits on back of card) _____

Name on card: _____

Signature: _____

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$2,250 made payable to Mercer University College of Pharmacy (on the subject line indicate "APCS – COPHS-CE")

This registration form may be submitted via fax to 678-547-6115,
e-mail to pharmacyce@mercer.edu, or by mail to:
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