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Learning Outcome from the Graduate Program Assessment Matrix: Acquire expert knowledge of biological, chemical, and analytical processes related to pharmaceutical sciences. Master a field of scholarship related to a specific research topic.																								
	LITERATURE REVIEW AND EVALUATION																							
Extract literature from appro bibliographic sources.	priate				Х		Х	Х		Х								Х	Х	Х		Х		
Critique clinical and scientific evidence derived from literat					Х	Х	Х	Х		Х								Х	Х	Х				
Describe the current state of knowledge about a biomedic clinical, or public health prob	al,		Х		Х		Х	Х										Х		Х				
Interpret primary research literature within the pharmaceutical sciences					Х		Х	Х		Х										Х	Х			
Learning Outcome from t relevant to the identification,	, analys ic hypo ictions t	is, and theses that ar	l use of baseon	of the d on p othesi	rapeut orior e is-driv	tic age viden en	ents. ce predic	tions			•	Gath	er dat	a via e	experir	nalyze, a nentatio and inter	n		et scie	entific	data			
clinical, public health, or	HYPOTHESIS GENERATION Generate a relevant biomedical, clinical, public health, or x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x												Х	Х										



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Defend the clinical and public health implications of a given research hypothesis.					х			Х										Х	Х					
	RESEARCH METHODS AND STUDY DESIGN																							
Design appropriate experime address generated research questions in the pharmaceut sciences.				Х	х				X	Х								Х	Х					
Conduct appropriate experim to address generated resear questions.				Х	х				Х	Х								Х						
Evaluate possible problems i design and execution of a st the pharmaceutical sciences.	udy in			Х	х		х	Х	Х	Х								Х	Х					
Describe the drug development process.	ent			X					Х															
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Apply fundamental principles statistical analysis, such as panalysis, correlation, causatiregression, and summary statistics.	ower				Х	Х	Х											х	Х	Х				



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Select the appropriate statistical approach for the interpretation of preclinical and clinical datasets.						X	Х											Х	X	X	Х			
Develop appropriate conclusions based on results from resear data.				X	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х								Х	Х	X	Х			

Learning Outcome from the Graduate Program Assessment Matrix: Communicate scientific facts, research results and ideas in a clear and compelling way in both oral and written form.

- Write a scientific paper of sufficient quality to be published in a nationally recognized peer reviewed journal
- Apply knowledge and understanding of ethical research practices (e.g., ownership of data, authorship, falsification and misrepresentation of data, ethical use of animals in research, use of copyrighted material, plagiarism)
- Prepare a lecture or seminar that has focus and depth, and that presents information in a clear and informative way
- Write a meritorious grant proposal (i.e., one that is hypothesis-driven, scientifically justified, and appropriately analyzed and interpreted)

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Defend a written research proposal describing specific aims, significance, innovation, and approach.				х												Χ	Х		
Preparation and Delivery of Oral and Written Scientific Information																			
Develop presentations describing proposed research, research in progress, or research findings.						Х	Х		Х							X	X	Х	



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Assess the clinical implication scientific information.	ns of						Х	Х										Х	Х	Х			
Prepare publication/presenta quality abstracts, posters an manuscripts.					Х			Х										Х	Х	Х	Х		
Develop an appropriate resp to constructive criticism of o written presentations.					Х			Х										Х	Х	Х	Х		
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Demonstrate professionalism interpersonal skills and collegapproaches to teamwork.							Х	Х												Х	Х	Х	
Mentor students in research, clinical, or professional activi																						Х	
Recognize the strengths and limitations of personal reseaskills.								Х										Х	Х	X			
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Recognize scientific miscond and conflict of interest.	uct				Х													Х	Х	X			