



Legislative Day in your State

Collective impact of students and faculty nationwide
Academic year 2019-2020

Purpose:

- Demonstrate the collective reach schools/colleges of pharmacy across the country can have by participating in Legislative Day events
- Expose student pharmacists to the importance of advocating for the profession of pharmacy and advancing pharmacy practice through legislation
- Foster partnerships between schools/colleges of pharmacy, community pharmacists and pharmacy owners, and pharmacy associations by working together for Legislative Day events

What are Pharmacy Legislative Days?

- Pharmacy Legislative Day events are statewide events where pharmacists, schools/colleges of pharmacy, and/or state associations come together at the state capital to advocate for legislation related to pharmacy practice.
- Legislative Day activities may include but are not limited to scheduled visits with legislators, meetings with state leadership, rallies, and health screenings/education provided by students and pharmacists.

Why your school/college of pharmacy should participate:

Advantage of participating at a state level:

Elected officials and the legislation they create can have a huge impact on community pharmacy practice. By having your students engage with elected officials through a Legislative Day your students gain an appreciation for the legislative process and its impact on community pharmacy practice. Additionally, elected officials learn about the impact community pharmacy practice has on the communities and constituents they serve.

Advantage of sharing your impact nationally:

Significant changes are happening within the business of community pharmacy practice. The interest and need to provide medication management services to people in communities continues to increase. Support legislation at the state level has opened doors for pharmacists to provide services such as immunizations, opioid antagonists without a prescription, and point-of-care testing in selected states as a few examples. These services were most often made possible through advocacy and supportive legislative. Our collective efforts nationwide are poised to make a larger impact than any one state can do alone.

Demonstrating our Collective Reach:

The ACT Pharmacy Collaborative will provide a survey tool at www.actforpharmacy providing schools the opportunity to share the following data points after participation a state-specific Legislative Day:

- Logistics:
 - School/college of pharmacy
 - Faculty contact
 - State
 - Legislative Day Organizer (state association, school/college, other)
 - Date
- Student participation:
 - Number of students participating
 - Description of student involvement (legislator meetings, state leadership meetings, health screenings (list), letter writing campaigns)
- Faculty participation:
 - Number of faculty participating
 - Number of residents/fellows/post-graduates attending
- Our Collective Reach:
 - Number of legislative visits by students and faculty (total)
 - Number of state leadership meetings by students and faculty (ex. State Department of Health, State Attorney General, etc)
 - Number of people engaged in health screenings/education (include description of activity)
- Impact story: open-ended opportunity to share most impactful meeting, advocacy for a specific bill/regulation, or other legislative initiative (i.e. letter writing campaign)

Survey tool available at: www.actforpharmacy.com

Any questions, please email: actforpharmacy@pitt.edu