

**JAMES L. WINKLE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY  
PROFESSIONAL ELECTIVE POLICY**

Seven (7) credits of professional electives are required for graduation from the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program. Professional electives are courses that further a student's professional development by allowing them to develop more specialized understanding of content included in the professional curriculum, by addressing subject matter not included in the professional curriculum but relevant to the pharmaceutical professions, or by preparing a student for post-graduate training. When selecting electives, students should understand they will be using the knowledge and skills acquired in the courses during rotation and throughout their pharmacy career.

- All professional electives must be completed during enrollment in the College of Pharmacy. Courses completed prior to admission do not fulfill the professional elective requirement.
- Courses eligible for professional elective credit are College of Pharmacy courses designated as professional electives and those non-College of Pharmacy courses given specific approval.
- A professional elective must be taken for a letter grade, unless determined by the course director as a pass/fail course.
- A maximum of three (3) credits of approved non-College of Pharmacy professional electives may count toward the professional electives requirement.
- A maximum of three (3) credits of independent study course work may count toward the professional electives requirement.
- Any exception to the above rules must be approved through the Office of Student Affairs by submission of a *Request for Professional Elective Credit* form. Examples of situations that require approval of the advising staff are (1) a student who wishes to count a course not on the approved list as a professional elective, (2) a student who wishes to complete a special group of professional electives as preparation for post-graduate training, and (3) a student who completed, or wishes to complete, a professional elective at another pharmacy school.

College of Pharmacy professional electives are disseminated prior to early registration period of the semester. A list of non-College of Pharmacy approved professional elective courses is attached. To request approval to enroll in a course that is not on this list, a student must complete a *Request for Professional Elective Credit* form. If a student enrolls in a course without such approval, the student will not receive professional elective credit.

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