When Zack Dumont, a clinical support pharmacist and residency coordinator living in Canada, was looking to advance his skillset and become more of a leader in the field of pharmacy, he considered many options, including a number of local ones.

Because of the strong reputation of the University of Cincinnati, as well as the opportunity to gain the training online, he chose the pharmacy leadership program at the James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy, and is currently enrolled in the Master’s program.

The program, launched in 2016, brings together expertise from three UC colleges: pharmacy-specific leadership courses from the Winkle College of Pharmacy, business administration courses from the Lindner College of Business and health administration courses from the College of Allied Health Sciences. Applicants must hold either a bachelor’s degree in pharmacy or a doctor of pharmacy degree, PharmD, to be considered.

Students choose from a one-year graduate certificate program or a two-year master’s program in Pharmacy Leadership. The certificate program can also be combined with a one-year pharmacy residency program. Students who complete the certificate course have full credit to continue into the master’s program. The master’s program has the option to be combined with a two-year pharmacy residency program to provide additional preparation for leadership roles.

“My goal is to continue to build my leadership capabilities in the pharmacy profession. So far, benefits from the program include the content I’ve learned—a wide variety of topics covered—and I’ve grown in other, less tangible ways, such as skills development and processes such as project management. The focus is on leadership, not management, which is a critical distinction. The bonus has been the opportunity to use my 8 years of work experience in my course work, and conversely, there’s been a number of times the content I’ve learned in my class can be directly applied to my everyday job.”

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Pharmacy Leadership Program
online, pharmacy-specific leadership education and training
Graduate Certificate
• five courses covering 15 semester hours
• can be combined with a 1 year residency program
• completed credits can lead into the master’s program

Master’s Program
• 10 courses covering 30 semester hours
• can be combined with a two year residency program