Student Organizations

Whenever possible, students are encouraged to develop some outside interest or activity in addition to academic study. A well-balanced college career includes extracurricular involvement as well as classroom and laboratory work.

Students have opportunities to obtain military training; join social and honorary fraternities, sororities and clubs; participate in intercollegiate and recreational sports; the Purdue Bands and Musical Organizations; and a number of honorary societies. Women students may also participate in the Association for Women Students (AWS).

Both men and women students engage in the social activities centered in the Purdue Memorial Union, take part in the University Theatre, do staff work and writing for student publications, and enter into all the various extracurricular affairs of the campus.

The Dean of Students Student Activities and Organizations office maintains a listing of all student organizations at Purdue.

Pharmacy Student Organizations

American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS)

Purdue's student AAPS chapter promotes a dynamic international forum for the exchange of knowledge among graduate students in pharmaceutical science and other related disciplines. The chapter follows the mission of the national organization: to advance the capacity of pharmaceutical scientists to develop products and therapies that improve global health. We host a variety of professional development and networking events, which allow our members the opportunity to interact with and learn from alumni and industry leaders.

American Pharmacists Association, Academy of Students of Pharmacy (APhA-ASP)

As the student branch of APhA, the Purdue chapter is also affiliated with the Indiana Pharmacists Association (IPA). Membership is extended to all students in the professional and pre-professional program. Its objectives are to encourage and provide for student participation in national, state, and local association affairs; to encourage scholarly, scientific, and professional activity and performance among pharmacy students; to provide a forum for discussion and familiarize students with issues confronting the profession.

BSPS Career Development Committee

The purpose of the BSPS Career Development Committee is to advance career development and career services within the College of Pharmacy BSPS Program. The duties of the organization include, but are not limited to, assisting with the Pharmacy Days Career Fair, serving as liaisons between students and the college, and promoting activities that advance the career development of pharmacy students.

Career Development Club
The purpose of the College of Pharmacy Career Development Club is to advance career development and career services within the College of Pharmacy. The duties of the organization include, but are not limited to, hosting the Pharmacy Days Career Fair/Showcase, serving as liaisons between students and the college, and promoting activities that advance the career development of pharmacy students.

**Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI)**

Our mission is to serve Christ and the world through pharmacy. We strive to motivate and equip pharmacy students to practice faith in Jesus Christ in their personal and professional lives. We strive through all our activities to encourage and teach a global Christian worldview and how to use our skills and education as pharmacists to better serve others, both in our country and around the world. We want our members to be cognizant of the issues of the world and what being a follower of Christ means in the field of pharmacy.

**College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP)**

CPNP Purdue is a recognized student chapter of the national College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists organization. CPNP Purdue is a student-driven organization focusing on outreach to, community services for, and education of persons with psychiatric and neurologic disorders. Eligible students are PharmD students in the P1-P4 years with an interest in working with people with mental illnesses.

**Indiana Pharmacists Association - Indiana Academy of Student Pharmacists (IPA-IASP)**

IPA-IASP is a student branch of the state association, Indiana Pharmacists Association. All pre-pharmacy and pharmacy students who are members of the state association are eligible to join. The organization works to connect students to events and opportunities at the state level, as well as to other Purdue students also involved in IPA.

**Industry Pharmacists Organization (IPhO)**

Established in 2012, Purdue's chapter of IPhO was among the first in the country. Our goal is to inform and empower students as they pursue opportunities within the pharmaceutical industry. By providing networking outlets, professional development opportunities, and educational resources, our chapter promotes the many roles that Pharm.D. graduates hold within industry. All pre-pharmacy and professional students are welcome.

**International Society for Pharmaceutical Engineering (ISPE)**

As part of the world’s largest global association for pharmaceutical sciences, ISPE Purdue Chapter seeks to offer students diverse pharmaceutical opportunities to develop their interest in the industry. Purdue Chapter offers mentors, networking with other students and industry personages and many more valuable resources by hosting several social events and industrial visits. We also help members with finding internships and jobs opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry. Membership is open to anyone in the College of Pharmacy or the Schools of Engineering.

**International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR)**

ISPOR’s mission is to develop an understanding of opportunities in outcomes research and pharmacoeconomics and serves as a networking and educational tool for students interested in these areas. The Purdue chapter serves both graduate and undergraduate students interested in these areas.
Our chapter holds social events and seminars, attends ISPOR annual conference, participates in the ISPOR Student Research Competition, and has won the first place in 2018 and 2019 representing Purdue.

**Kappa Epsilon**

Pi Chapter of Kappa Epsilon is a national professional fraternity. Members are chosen on the basis of scholarship, character, and leadership. The object and purpose of this professional fraternity is to promote women in pharmacy and to foster professional consciousness. Membership provides opportunities for leadership development, community service, and fellowship.

**Kappa Psi**

Pi Chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity is a professional fraternity. Each year a new group of men and women is pledged from the sophomore, junior, and senior classes in the College of Pharmacy. The pledges are selected by the members on the basis of character, leadership, scholarship, and interest in furthering the profession of pharmacy. The various activities encountered through Kappa Psi offer the active member fellowship with their college colleagues and an opportunity to become involved in community projects, both socially and professionally.

**National Community Oncology Dispensing Association (NCODA)**

The NCODA Purdue chapter is a part of a national organization with a focus to offer an international community for healthcare students with passion in oncology and pharmaceutical industry. Together we grow through education, leadership, mentorship, and opportunities in research and community outreach. We promote unique and dynamic experiences for students to collaborate with all oncology stakeholders through member led education opportunities, clinical education series, student educational talks, and access to a variety of other materials in the field of oncology.

**National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA)**

Purdue University NCPA Student Chapter provides a forum for pharmacy students to learn about the many career opportunities available in independent pharmacy practice. Student chapter members participate in NCPA on a national level, are involved in community service, promote independent pharmacy and stimulate interest in ownership, and advocate legislative action. Pharmacy students who are currently enrolled and in good standing may join as active members, and pre-pharmacy students may join as associate members.

**Pediatric Pharmacy Education Done by Students (PPEDS)**

Pediatric Pharmacy Education Done by Students is a student-run organization which promotes interest and awareness in pediatric medication management. Activities consist of hosting panels in which pharmacists speak about careers in pediatric pharmacy, volunteering in children’s outreach programs, shadowing pediatric pharmacists in a variety of settings, touring local children’s hospitals, and representing pediatric interests in college activities and events.

**Pharmaceutical Sciences Club**

The Pharmaceutical Sciences Club is an organization formed to encourage students in the Pharmaceutical Sciences and Doctor of Pharmacy program to explore career opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry. Membership is open to all students in the College.
Pharmacy President’s Council

This council is composed of the President of each of the college student organizations. This is a forum for exchange of information between student organizations and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Pharmacy Student Council (PSC)

The Pharmacy Student Council serves as a communication resource between students and the faculty. It consists of two representatives from each class, including the pre-pharmacy students (elected by each class in November to serve a one-year term), and representatives from each student organization within the College. Pharmacy Student Council maintains the calendar for fundraising events and has been involved with improvements within the College such as adding vending machines to the student lounge area. Service activities include sponsoring the Pharmacy First Nighter each fall and hosting the annual Rx Gala. The Pharmacy Student Council also serves as an advisory group in matters pertaining to educational, professional, and extracurricular activities within the College.

Phi Delta Chi

Phi Delta Chi is America's second oldest professional fraternity in pharmacy. It is a co-ed fraternity and annually pledges both men and women who are 1st year pre-pharmacy students all the way up to 3rd professional year students. Phi Delta Chi, a lifelong experience, promotes scholastic, professional, and social growth in its Brothers. We strive to provide quality service to our patients, thereby advancing public health and strengthening ourselves as health professionals. Phi Delta Chi strives to produce Leaders in Pharmacy that work with a national network of Brothers to advance the profession.

Phi Lambda Sigma

The Alpha Rho Chapter of Phi Lambda Sigma promotes and recognizes the development of leadership qualities in pharmacy. The Society encourages participation in all pharmacy activities; members are selected by peer recognition. Students considered for membership must have completed 90 hours of scholastic work and have attained a scholastic grade point average of 2.50. Members have demonstrated dedicated service and leadership to the advancement of pharmacy. Faculty, professional staff, and alumni are also eligible for membership.

Pre-pharmacy Club

The pre-pharmacy club provides an information exchange and mutual support forum for students considering application to the Doctor of Pharmacy program. Membership is open to all students.

Purdue Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (PAMCP)

PAMCP is the Purdue student chapter of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, the national organization dedicated to providing improved quality of life for patients through appropriate and accessible medication therapy. The chapter's purpose is to allow students to explore the career options in managed care and other areas where the management of pharmaceutical therapy related to population health (as opposed to individual patients) is the major concern.

Purdue Pharmacy Ambassadors (PPA)
Purdue Pharmacy Ambassadors is an organization that is open to all students within the College of Pharmacy. Members of this organization assist with the recruitment of prospective students into the College of Pharmacy's undergraduate programs by giving building tours, speaking on student panels, and much more. PPA is also dedicated to assisting current students by hosting professional development events such as the PharmD application review and mock interviews for the professional program.

**Purdue Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists (PSSHP)**

This organization, established in 1990, provides an opportunity for students to become knowledgeable about providing pharmaceutical care in hospitals and other institutions. In addition, students have the opportunity to observe pharmacy practice in an organized health care setting. Membership and participation in the [Indiana Society of Hospital Pharmacists](https://www.ishp.org) and the [American Society of Health-System Pharmacists](https://www.ashp.org) is encouraged both as a student and upon graduation.

**Rho Chi**

The [Alpha Zeta Chapter of Rho Chi](https://www.rhochi.org) is part of a national honorary pharmaceutical society. Eligibility for membership is limited to upper class professional and graduate students in pharmacy and is based on high attainment in scholarship, character, personality, and leadership - being limited to a maximum of 20% of each class. Each fall, Rho Chi hosts a silent auction to raise money for student scholarships, while the initiation banquet for new members is held annually in the spring.

**Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA)**

SNPhA is an educational service association of pharmacy students who are concerned about the profession of pharmacy, healthcare issues, and the poor minority representation in these areas. The purpose of SNPhA is to plan, organize, coordinate, and execute programs geared toward the improvement of the health, educational, and social environment of minority communities. We offer student members the opportunity to develop leadership and professional skills, focusing on volunteer and professional opportunities to serve the underserved populations.

**Student Society of Nuclear Pharmacy, Purdue Student Chapter (SNP)**

This organization, established in 1993, extends membership to students who are enrolled in pre-pharmacy or pharmacy curricula with an interest in nuclear pharmacy. The organization's objectives are to give the students a better opportunity to learn about the profession through contact with their peers and invited speakers and through participation in Society functions. The Society also serves to improve communications between the students and the companies and individuals involved in nuclear pharmacy practice.

**Student Society of Veterinary Hospital Pharmacists (SSVHP)**

The Student Society of Veterinary Hospital Pharmacists is an organization that provides pharmacy students with meaningful and unique opportunities to explore the growing field of veterinary pharmacy. SSVHP engages pharmacy students in the field of veterinary pharmacy by working to increase awareness of the need for more veterinary pharmacists in the near future as well as the need for better knowledge of animal pharmaceutical care, holding campus-wide fundraising events for local animal shelters and wildlife facilities, and enhancing the exchange of ideas among veterinary pharmacists and pharmacy students.