



Pharmacy -MINUTES
October 23rd, 2025, at 4:00 PM
Zoom

Members Present: Zach McCall (Committee Chair), Ambulatory Pharmacy Services Director, Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center; Misty Royse (Vice Chair), Director of Sales, Net-RX with Managed Healthcare Associates (MHA); Matt McCarty, Pharmacy Manager, Fred Meyer; Heather Kim, Pharmacy Manager, Walgreens Pharmacy; Stephanie Gaston, Clinical Pharmacist, Ardon Health; Rene Bloemke, Director, Pharmacy Services, Net-RX

Guests:

Members Absent: Jenny Schmidt, Store Manager, Walgreens; Amanda Stringham, Program Coordinator and Faculty, Wenatchee Valley College

Clark College: Heidi Fay, Pharmacy Department Chair, Clark College; Scot Headley, Dean of Business & Health Sciences, Clark College; Elizabeth Flores, Advisory Coordinator, Clark College; Lindsey Earl, Academic Advisor, Clark College; Ryan Johnson, Program Specialist 2, Clark College; Christina Becker, Pharmacy Technician Professor, Clark College

The meeting began at 4:03 PM, and a quorum was met.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will meet next on Thursday, March 12, 2026.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting on March 13, 2025, were approved.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Scot welcomed committee members and encouraged those who are active pharmacists in the workforce to notify Heidi and Elizabeth if they are interested in participating.

Scot announced that the site's regional accreditation visit concluded yesterday.

Scot shared that the Surgical Technology program has officially launched and welcomed its first cohort.

Scot noted that Washington State's budget situation is tight, and reduced state allocations have resulted in a very constrained budget at Clark College.

WORKPLAN

Curriculum Goals

Heidi identified curriculum development as a goal, with hopes to begin implementation in Spring 2026.

Heidi invited committee members to volunteer for a “full working pharmacist day” experience for students, anticipated to take place in May.

A goal was identified to develop a simulation day for students.

Facilities and Equipment

Pyxis / Omnicell / Other

The program was advised to update the Pyxis machine to a demo-dose MedDispense cabinet, which is an educational device. Heidi offered to share additional details with **anyone interested**.

New Pharmacy Software

QS1 will discontinue its educational software at the end of August and has recommended PioneerRx as a replacement. The program hopes to transition students to the new software by the end of the quarter. Heidi welcomed requests from the committee for additional information.

Matt shared his support for PioneerRx and noted that the PioneerRx help desk is robust.

Instructional Quality and Effectiveness Goals

Heidi attended a pharmacy technician conference in Ohio, where she co-presented with Curtin Hudson from Kentucky Medical Center. She shared that the conference provided insight into accreditation processes and valuable networking opportunities with pharmacy technician training programs across the country.

Heidi also attended a WSPA event and connected with OSHP, emphasizing her efforts to stay engaged with local professional organizations.

Heidi shared plans to review program prerequisites, particularly math requirements, with the goal of reducing barriers for students. She expressed concern that the number of prerequisites may be excessive and shared that she has met with advising and is currently in the planning stages.

Heidi discussed a proposed math requirement change from Math 92 to Math 90, explaining that Math 90 offers additional practice and hands-on application. Advising recommended the adjustment.

Heidi noted that BUS 149 could potentially be removed, as most students enter the program with sufficient computer skills.

The Bloodborne Pathogens one-credit course is not required, and other allied health programs are also considering its removal.

Heidi shared that the program currently requires two quarters of medical terminology and is reviewing the possibility of eliminating the second quarter. She welcomed committee feedback to support data development and a future vote on the necessity of the course.

Zach expressed support for reducing barriers to help students progress through the program.

Matt asked how many total credits would be removed. Heidi responded that approximately seven credits would be eliminated. Advising noted that any credit reduction helps students financially.

Rene asked about enrollment trends and suggested that extra required classes could be impacting enrollment. Heidi shared that while accreditation has added more pharmacy-specific requirements, it may still be appropriate to remove some general courses.

Scot shared that the program will be introduced at the high school level through articulation partnerships and that outreach efforts will continue.

Instructional and Learning Experiences

Heidi shared that the program is exploring the addition of a new externship site at NARA. This would be a new placement option outside of retail, hospital, and long-term care settings, with the goal of offering placements in winter or spring quarters.

Marketing and Public Relations

The program continues to visit middle and high schools with positive results. Heidi shared that a healthcare camp held in June was successful.

Christina reported that 98 students attended the three-day camp and that feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Heidi shared that the Southwest Washington Pharmacy Association supported the program during this time.

PHAR 101 has been reinstated and offered twice online—once in a two-week condensed format and once in a five-week summer format. While enrollment interest has been limited so far, efforts are underway to increase marketing, particularly at the high school level. Options include training high school instructors to teach the course or Heidi teaching it directly.

Heidi shared efforts to reach students in other areas of Washington by offering courses at Bochma Farms.

Heidi noted interest in expanding online offerings to increase accessibility.

Heidi discussed dual-credit opportunities for high school students, sharing that meetings are underway with educators and principals in the Evergreen School District. This initiative would allow high school students to earn college credit and continue toward a pharmacy technician career.

Accreditation Update / Strategic Plan

Heidi shared that the program has a strong plan in place following the previous meeting and that it aligns with the current work plan. She will share this broader vision with the committee, including pass rates and graduate survey data, which will be reviewed annually.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Heidi reported that the fall cohort has begun, with 11 students enrolled and performing well. The program is considering a spring cohort, with a final decision to be made at the beginning of winter quarter. At this time, the program is leaning toward maintaining a single cohort.

Industry Feedback

Matt shared that employers along the coast are actively hiring.

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The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

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