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# **Background**

- The Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) is a year-long course series for fourth-year pharmacy students, which allows students to apply their clinical knowledge and skills to patient care under the supervision of preceptors at various healthcare settings.
- Although Nagasaki is surrounded by the ocean and New Mexico is in the high desert, the two areas are similar in that there is limited access to healthcare in rural areas.
- The International APPE is designed to give NM pharmacy students experience, knowledge, and skills in various healthcare settings in Nagasaki, Japan.

## **Groundwork and Preparation**

- UNM College of Pharmacy (UNMCOP) delegates visited Nagasaki and developed a collaborative opportunity to establish an APPE course in Nagasaki City (urban) and in rural Goto Islands.
- Nagasaki University School of Pharmacy (NUSOP), a pharmacy school where rural healthcare is an issue and with an appreciation of cultural diversity, agreed to collaborate with UNMCOP to develop an
- UNMCOP delegates assessed students' learning environment, safety, and travel accommodations in Nagasaki.
- Faculty members at UNMCOP & NUSOP and potential preceptors in Nagasaki meet virtually to develop the clinical experience program, even during the COVID era.

#### **Barriers and Solutions**

- Language barrier: UNMCOP will send Dr. Takeda, who is Japanese, to assist UNMCOP students and preceptors in Nagasaki.
- Travel funds: UNMCOP launched the teaching certificate program for Japanese pharmacy faculty creating revenue for students and UNM preceptors for travel. Another funding resource is the UNM Study Abroad Allocations Committee fund (applied, waiting for the result as of 1/30/23).
- Support and understanding of the program by the local community: UNMCOP delegates visited Kamigoto Islands to meet with the town mayor, director of the hospital, director of the hospital pharmacy department, and CEO of a local pharmacy to explain the purpose of this program and to build trust.

# History in International Partnership

UNMCOP and NUSOP have been actively exchanging students and faculty, even in the COVID era. Our partnership has been growing in various areas.

Year/Event

2017 - present **NUSOP** delegates

Milestones

visited UNMCOP

(Annual Event) Learning US pharmacy education and roles of US pharmacists

Spring/Fall 2019 **UNMCOP** delegates visited NUSOP

Discussion re: development of teaching certificate program Introduction of A-fib screening Assisted the first student-led A-fib screening event

Visited NU Hospital, local pharmacies, Goto Islands **Observation of Zaitaku Care** 

Summer 2020 Memorandum of Understanding

Agreement of collaborations in pharmacy education, clinical pharmacy, and

research

Fall 2022 **UNMCOP** delegates visited NUSOP

Taught A-fib and physical exam Assisted A-fib screening event Visited NU Hospital, local pharmacies, Goto Islands

# March 2023 - International APPE

Week 1 (UNM/Travel)	Learn about healthcare systems in Japan (self-study, lecture, student presentation)
Week 2 Nagasaki City	Practice unique <b>dispensing techniques</b> used in Japan, observe practices used at a <b>Kampo Pharmacy</b> , observe <b>hospital pharmacists</b> ( <b>bedside counseling</b> , dispensing, sterile compounding, etc.), and give a presentation for hospital pharmacists on US pharmacy education.
Week 3 Kamigoto Islands	Hospital: observe hospital pharmacists Local Pharmacy: observe <b>pharmacist-led home visit</b> (Zaitaku Care) Local clinic: observe a <b>physician-led home visit</b>
Week 4 (Travel/UNM)	Wrap up. Students will give a college-wide presentation to discuss what they learned in Japan.
Post-program evaluation	Collect feedback from students and preceptors for program revision/restructuring.
	(UNM/Travel)  Week 2  Nagasaki City  Week 3  Kamigoto Islands  Week 4  (Travel/UNM)  Post-program

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