

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

A pharmacist is a medication expert whose obligation is to deliver pharmaceutical care. Pharmaceutical care is "the responsible provision of drug therapy for the purpose of achieving a definite outcome that improves a patient's quality of life" (Hepler and Strand). A pharmacist's functions include but are not limited to:

- Identifying, preventing and/or resolving drug-related problems.
- Preventing disease and promoting good health practices through rational drug therapy.
- Providing drug information to the public.
- Educating other health care professionals about appropriate drug therapies.
- Collaborating with other health care professionals to improve health outcomes, especially as they relate to the appropriate use of medications.
- Ensuring that medications are delivered to the patient in a safe manner.

Many practice areas are covered by these responsibilities. The curriculum is designed to develop the competencies of graduates, allowing them to assume these responsibilities as well as the all of the current curricular outcomes expected of Doctor of Pharmacy graduates detailed on the School of Pharmacy website - <https://pharmacy.umkc.edu/current-students/curriculum-policies.html>