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The WSU Doctor of Pharmacy program educates students to become valued providers of health care services. Our graduates use evidenced-based practice to ensure optimal health of the patient and of the public and will provide leadership in advancing pharmacy practice and health policy.

The practice of pharmacy has experienced profound changes during the past three decades as its traditional role in drug distribution has increasingly expanded to incorporate the concept of comprehensive medication management. This philosophy charges pharmacists with the responsibility for providing drug therapy that achieves defined results and improves a patient's quality of life. Pharmacists are expected to interact with patients and other health care providers to assure that the drug therapy prescribed is appropriate, administered, and monitored in a way that assures achieving the desired outcomes.

The ability of pharmacists to play an increasingly active role in drug therapy is being recognized at state and national levels. At the state level pharmacists have been recognized as having the ability to initiate or modify drug therapy, either through collaboration with a physician or by independent authority. In Michigan, pharmacists are allowed to prescribe under delegated authority of a licensed practitioner. Examples of services provided by pharmacists include:

- disease state screening (examples are: blood pressure monitoring for hypertension, glucose monitoring for diabetes, cholesterol monitoring, bone densitometry for osteoporosis)
- monitoring and adjusting anticoagulation therapy
- monitoring and adjusting antibiotic therapy.

A major impetus for these changes is a result of the realization of the added value of pharmacists input into therapeutic decision making in a manner that can result in cost reduction through prevention of problems arising from adverse drug experiences, drug-drug and drug-food interactions, errors in prescribing or administering medications, and poor adherence.

The Doctor of Pharmacy (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/college-pharmacy-health-sciences/pharmaceutical-sciences/pharmacy-pharmd/>) program at Wayne State University is offered through the Departments of Pharmacy Practice and Pharmaceutical Sciences. The pre-professional components of the program are described in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/college-pharmacy-health-sciences/pharmaceutical-sciences/pharmaceutical-sciences-concentration-bhs/#requirementstext>) section of this bulletin. The professional curriculum is described in detail in the Wayne State University Graduate Bulletin.

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