

Title: Impressions of leadership attributes of students in a pharmd program at a us college of pharmacy

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Abstract:

Background Little has been established in the literature involving development of leadership attributes, specifically as it pertains to leadership, as a curricular or non-curricular component. Student perspectives on the survey and application to curriculum as well as future leadership in the practice of pharmacy need to be assessed to ensure continued effectiveness and development of leadership for the betterment of the profession of pharmacy. Leadership attributes are vital to enhancing roles of many medical professionals taking on important patient care roles but most importantly pharmacy as the profession continues to move forward. Methods The methods for study included a written survey, which was administered to 140 first and second professional year pharmacy students. Results One hundred eighteen survey responses were collected for a response rate of 84.29%. Overall survey participants ranked themselves lower than the "ideal" leader on all ten attribute areas. Female participants generally ranked themselves lower than male participants when comparing individual attributes to the same "ideal" leader attributes. Conclusion Our research found a consistent gap with pharmacy students' perceptions of leadership attributes between themselves and an "ideal" leader. However, we found an even greater gap between genders and perceptions of leadership attributes.