# Pitt Pharmacy Organizations

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American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists (AAPP)

Queer Pharmacy Alliance (QPA)

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## Pitt Pharmacy Focused

Rx Prep

## Honors Societies/Invitation Only

Rho Chi Society Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS)





American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists (AAPP) has a vision to ensure every individual living with a psychiatric or neurologic disorder has an adequate care team, including a neuropsychiatric pharmacist accountable for optimal medication therapy. We have many great opportunities for personal development from shadowing pharmacists at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic and networking at our national conference. We also hold a Naloxone demonstration each fall, promote awareness by inviting guest speakers to discuss relevant neuropsychiatric issues, and encourage mental wellness throughout the pharmacy school through de-stress events!



American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) is a professional, scientific organization of approximately 7,000 individual members and over 10,000 actively participating stakeholders employed in academia, industry, government, and other pharmaceutical science related research institutes worldwide. The mission for AAPS is to advance the capacity of pharmaceutical scientists to develop products and therapies that improve global health. In line with the mission and embodying the values of AAPS (Learning, Innovation, Service, Inclusiveness and Integrity), we offer volunteer opportunities, professional development, and both formal and informal leadership positions. Both PharmD and graduate school students are eligible to become AAPS members.



**Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP)** serves to engage student pharmacists in learning about sound medication management principles and strategies to improve healthcare for all. As a chapter, we have monthly meetings to talk about topics in managed care, as well as host quarterly North-East webinar series where attendants include health plans, PBMs, and manufacturers. Annually, we have a Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) competition where students work in teams to analyze a new drug entering the market and incorporate it into a mock formulary.



American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) is the umbrella organization for the School of Pharmacy, allowing for collaboration with all 20 organizations. APhA-ASP serves as the collective voice of student pharmacists both here and nationally. The multiple committees within APhA-ASP allow for many opportunities for student involvement and leadership through patient care, international exchange programs, interprofessional networking, social events, and policy and advocacy.



American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) aims to prepare students for careers providing comprehensive care to older adults. Through guest lectures, service activities, and shadowing experiences, students gain a thorough understanding of the unique medication challenges posed by caring for geriatric patients. While simultaneously giving back to the senior citizens of the Pittsburgh community, students also expand their knowledge of geriatric pharmacotherapy and the complex relationships that exist between patient age and medication response.



International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) aims to provide diverse opportunities for students to gain knowledge about health economics and outcomes research excellence to improve decision-making for health globally. Our goal is to serve as a catalyst for advancing the science and practice of health economics and outcome research worldwide, giving students resources to become more adapt to adequately compare and select therapeutic interventions from multiple treatment options based on economics and clinical factors.



**Kappa Psi (KΨ)** is a co-ed, international fraternity that is based on the principles of industry, sobriety, fellowship, and high ideals. We form an extensive network of brothers with similar goals and values that goes beyond pharmacy school. Our chapter gives back to the community through several philanthropic endeavors such as volunteering at Family House and fundraising for Reach Out and Read, Relay for Life, Pitt Dance Marathon, our Brother-in-Need fund, and the Birmingham Free Clinic. We want to ensure our membership candidates and Brothers are prepared for class, rotation, and entering the field of pharmacy through our academic committee. We strengthen our bonds with Brothers, including alumni and professors, through activities such as graduate chapter outings, holiday celebrations, and much more. The bonds formed in Kappa Psi will last a lifetime and give you a support system through pharmacy school.



**Lambda Kappa Sigma (LKS)** is an international, professional pharmacy fraternity founded by librarian Ethel J. Heath in 1913 at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. The Delta Chapter at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy was established in 1918 with the purpose of elevating women in pharmacy. Our chapter is involved in a variety of professional, service, social, and fundraising events, including Project HOPE, which is our national philanthropy that seeks to provide healthcare for people around the world. We strive to provide opportunities for women in pharmacy through establishing a strong sisterhood amongst each other where we can grow professionally and personally. We are sisters leading with integrity, inspiring excellence, and impacting the future of pharmacy and our school.



**Phi Delta Chi (PDC)** is a professional fraternity comprised of individuals who are devoted to advancing the science of pharmacy and its allied interests. We are dedicated to our brothers and build lifelong relationships within the fraternity, community, and pharmacy profession.



**Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS)** is the national pharmacy leadership society committed to supporting leadership by recognition and fostering leadership development. Our goals include continuing the availability of student and practitioner leaders for the profession of pharmacy, acknowledging leadership achievement, and awarding membership to leaders recommended by the Society, and enhancing the talent, skill, and effectiveness of leaders for the profession of pharmacy.



**Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association (PPA)** is focused on advocating for the profession of pharmacy and uniting Pennsylvania's pharmacists on policy through various legislative activities such as letter writing to state representatives, the Back the PAC fundraiser, the annual state Capitol visit in the spring, and more! PPA is also a great opportunity to network with other Pennsylvanian pharmacy students and practicing pharmacists who are also passionate about advancing the role of the pharmacist.



**Pittsburgh Pharmacy Investment Portfolio (PPIP)** is a student-run investment portfolio that focuses on securities with a high exposure to health care. The Pittsburgh Pharmacy Investment Portfolio was created with the idea that healthcare students will be the experts in recognizing the potential value that healthcare companies pose to the market and can use their expertise to better understand how industry drivers influence changes in clinical practice.



**Queer Pharmacy Alliance (QPA)**'s goals revolve around providing education about LGBTQIA+ people and the healthcare issues they may face, participating in community outreach events, as well as helping to foster a welcoming, accepting environment within Salk Hall. Being that we are a brand-new organization we are still working to establish ourselves and develop events, getting involved with QPA provides a great opportunity to help create events and traditions that we hope will continue long into the future at Pitt Pharmacy!



**Rho Chi Society** is pharmacy's academic Honor Society, which consists of members who are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement and initiated during the spring semester of the second professional year. We encourage and recognize excellence in intellectual achievement by holding events such as research poster sessions, speaking events, and peer tutoring reviews. Beyond pharmacy school, the Rho Chi Society recognizes members as lifelong intellectual leaders that instill the desire to continually advance the practice.



**Rx Prep** is an organization dedicated to supporting pre-professional students through academic, social, and community activities. Our club was designed to guide members through the pharmacy application process and increase knowledge about a career in pharmacy. Members of RxPrep are undergraduate students interested in applying to pharmacy school. Our club hosts events such as resume workshops, mock interviews, PCAT tips, and many more.



**Student Association of Specialty Pharmacy (SASP)** is an organization that aims to provide opportunities for students to gain knowledge about specialty pharmacy and to serve as a presence of the National Association of Specialty Pharmacy (NASP) at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. We promote student engagement by hosting guest speakers of various backgrounds in specialty pharmacy such as pharmacists, fellows, industry liaisons, and more, host tours of specialty pharmacies in the Greater Pittsburgh Area and provide networking opportunities with members and affiliated partners of NASP.



**Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP)** is devoted to the advancement of students who are interested in all aspects of clinical pharmacy. We are the premier organization within the pharmacy school for students wanting to pursue careers involving research and residency. We provide programming and opportunities for students to not only learn about advancement in clinical pharmacy, but also to teach about their own successes in the field.



Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Student Organization of the University of Pittsburgh (PS-GSO) is to represent, advocate for, and connect graduate students across various disciplines and backgrounds. PS-GSO strives to address the unique needs and challenges faced by graduate students, offering valuable resources, activities, events, networking opportunities, and a platform to voice their concerns. All full-time and part-time graduate students enrolled in the school of pharmacy and in good academic standing are automatically considered to be members.



**Student Industry Organization (SIO)** is dedicated to expanding knowledge of opportunities for a career within the pharmaceutical industry. Our goals include increasing opportunities for students to learn more about the industry, connecting students with a valuable network of people within the industry, and preparing students for PharmD fellowship programs.



**Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA)** is an organization dedicated to serving the underserved while increasing diversity in the profession of pharmacy. We are committed to advancing for underserved communities by directly impacting patients' lives through education and service.



**Student Society of Cannabis Pharmacy (SSCP)** is the newest student organization within the School of Pharmacy. Established Spring 2020, we aim to deconstruct the stigma surrounding Medical Marijuana usage and construct a reliable source base for pharmacists. Approved to treat 23 medical conditions among hundreds of thousands of certified patients, cannabis is projected to reach \$1 billion in sales in the next few years, as the number of dispensaries operating across Pennsylvania exceeds 100. Regardless of where you envision yourself post graduation, you are likely to run into a patient inquiring about cannabis. By educating yourself, you will be equipped to advise and assist any curious patients.



**Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists (SSHP)** is a nationally recognized organization that educates students on the diverse opportunities within hospital and health-system pharmacy, including pharmacy residency specialization. SSHP hosts the annual clinical skills competition, residency 101 panel, and prepares students to attend ASHP's Midyear Clinical Meeting. The goal of SSHP is to provide its members with clinical knowledge and skills in preparation for a postgraduate path.