

Providing virtual APPE rotations for international pharmacy students during the pandemic

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Background

CPPE has provided advanced pharmacy practice experiences (APPE) for final year pharmacy students from the USA for several years. Students usually travel to the UK and work alongside our learning development pharmacy professionals. They also spend time in hospital and community pharmacy settings.

Description

Cancellation of the face-to-face APPE rotation due to the COVID-19 pandemic led to rapid development of a virtual alternative. Student activities included online meetings with pharmacy professionals from different sectors of practice, contribution to learning materials, participation in online learning events and development of video marketing messages.



Regular online meetings between preceptors and students were key to ensuring a successful rotation.

Proposed evaluation

We captured student reflections on their experience in a narrative form and will adapt this to include more Likert-type questions before further evaluation of online rotations.