

2017

Performance of UW School of Pharmacy Graduates on Pharmacist Licensure Examinations



All School of Pharmacy graduates seeking professional licensure in Wisconsin must complete national pharmacy board examinations and state licensure testing. The specific examinations required for licensure are set by the Pharmacy Examining Board for the State of Wisconsin. At present, candidates for licensure were required to pass the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE).

The NAPLEX assesses knowledge, judgment, and skills that all pharmacists are expected to demonstrate in practice. Historically, UW-Madison School of Pharmacy graduates have been very successful on the NAPLEX examination with pass rates consistently above the national norm. Table 1 provides a comparison between the percentages of UW-Madison School of Pharmacy graduates who passed the examination (first-time candidates) with the percentages of pharmacy graduates nationally that passed the examination (first-time candidates).

Table 1. Pass Rates for the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX)

Graduating Year	UW-Madison	Peer Group * (n=11)	All ACPE Accredited Programs
2016	94.62%	93.43%	94.88%
2015 <i>New Passing Standard Nov. 2015</i>	96.18%	96.05%	92.64%
2014	97.56%	97.57%	85.86%
3-Year Average	96.12%	95.68%	93.99%

* Peer group members: Illinois at Chicago, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Purdue, Ohio State, California-San Francisco, North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Texas at Austin, and Washington.

The MJPE assesses candidates' knowledge of state and federal laws governing the practice of pharmacy. Like the NAPLEX, the success of UW-Madison School of Pharmacy graduates on the MPJE have been consistently above that of pharmacy graduates nationally. Table 2 compares the pass rates of UW-Madison School of Pharmacy graduates with graduates of peer institutions and with other accredited schools and colleges of pharmacy in the US. Results include only students who took the exam for the state where their university is located.

Table 2. Pass Rates for the Multi-state Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE)

Graduating Year	UW-Madison	Peer Group * (n=11)	All ACPE Accredited Programs #
2016 <i>New Passing Standard Apr. 2016</i>	95.45%	91.12%	87.74%
2015	96.46%	97.96%	94.35%
2014	99.02%	97.37%	95.17%
3-Year Average	96.98%	95.48%	91.42%

* Peer group members: Illinois at Chicago, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Purdue, Ohio State, North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Texas at Austin, and Washington.

Includes all schools and colleges of pharmacy in states where the MPJE is administered.