

Table 1. Ranking of the EPOC program based upon desired characteristics of an early pharmacy practice experience. (1 = strongly disagree; 5 = strongly agree)

Criteria	Preceptors	Students	Total	
	(n = 3) median	(n = 20) median	(n = 23) median	mode
1. The program conveys a pharmaceutical care model. Students:				
a) develop pharmacist-patient relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
b) develop patient care-based focus	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
c) assume responsibility for and manage drug-related problems	4.0	5.0	4.0	5.0
d) provide continuous patient care: they have longitudinal responsibility for a group of patients	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
2. Students gain problem-solving experience.	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
3. Students have the opportunity to observe and assess patient outcomes over time.	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
4. Students are members of a peer-mentor team.				
a) Students are mentored by faculty/practitioners.	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
b) Junior students are mentored by senior students.	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
5. The program promotes professional socialization. Students interact with:				
a) Faculty/practitioners	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
b) Physicians	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
c) Nurses	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.0
d) Others (dietitians, physician assistants, social workers, etc.)	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
6. Opportunity to develop reflective judgment. Students have time to reflect on their practice experiences.	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
7. Active learning.				
a) Learning is active and student-centered.	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
b) Students have opportunity to apply newly acquired knowledge to real life experiences.	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
8. Development of lifelong learning skills / completion of experiential learning cycle.				
a) Concrete experience: students interact with actual patients.	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
b) Review and reflection: students opportunity/time to reflect on patient encounters.	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
c) Abstract conceptualization: students are motivated to research and better understand complex therapeutic issues.	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
d) Active experimentation: students have opportunity to apply new knowledge.	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0