

Career Specialization Program (P3 Electives) Policy:

- The purpose of the P3 career specialization program is to allow students to take elective courses, which build upon foundational knowledge gained in the P1 and P2 curriculum. The P3 electives should aid a P3 student in meeting their individual career goals, completing their PharmD project, and/or complement other coursework in their chosen curriculum track.
- A minimum of nine semester credit hours of elective courses (5000 or above) is required for the Doctor of Pharmacy Program in the P3 student year. Students must take at least four elective credits within their chosen curriculum track. A list of electives suitable to each track will be provided. Students may also suggest appropriate electives to their professional development mentor.
- Prior to enrolling in P3 electives, students must discuss their chosen electives and seek the approval of their assigned professional development mentor(s) within their curriculum track. The discussion should include a rationale of how proposed electives will enhance the objectives described above. The Professional Development Mentoring Checklist is used to document the elective course selection and approval.
- Under certain circumstances, students who have selected appropriate career specialization courses in years P1 or P2 may petition to apply these courses to the P3 program requirement. Examples of appropriate courses include specialized programs of study (i.e., Community Engaged Scholar, Global Health Certificate, etc.). Students who wish to apply elective credits obtained in years other than P3 towards the P3 requirement must petition their curriculum track steward in writing. The petition shall include the benefits achieved from the non-P3 course(s) that help the student meet their career objectives. Evidence of satisfactory completion of the course(s) should be enclosed. A list of program course requirements and current progress towards completing the special program of study should also be submitted. Up to three hours of prior elective courses may be applied, at the discretion of the curriculum track steward, to meet the P3 requirement.