

Guidelines for Pharm Sci Research Methods - Lab Rotation Credit

Requirements:

Per GSBS policy, all incoming students must register to "Pharmaceutical Science Research Methods" (GPSC5307) immediately upon matriculation. The goal of this prerequisite course is to offer students the chance of performing two (2) lab rotations to allow their exposure to different research labs and to learn lab techniques deemed essential for their research interests.

Lab Rotations:

1. Lab rotations will occur under "Pharmaceutical Sciences Research Methods" (GPSC5307). Such a course is a lab course lasting 15 weeks, divided into two (2) lab rotations. Each lab rotation shall last seven and half (7.5) weeks.
2. Only research labs in the prospect of enrolling a student into their research lab will be allowed as a site for lab rotation. However, student can petition to rotate in a research lab that is not accepting a student during the term, with mutual agreement of the Principal Investigator and the Program Director.
3. Students will be provided with a list of prospective labs opened for lab rotations. Lab rotations can only occur in the same campus that the student is assigned to unless circumstantial situations are being called by their assigned supervisor, who can petition a written document to the Graduate Program Director with the rationale on the need of the student to rotate in the other campus.
4. Students shall provide a list of research labs in which they have potential interests to rotate before the beginning of the semester.
5. Students can rotate in one research lab in which they have identified as a potential matching research lab. No permanent lab assignments will be made until the completion of one term of Pharmaceutical Science Research Methods.
6. Student can request, with mutual agreement with the Principal Investigator and the Program Director, to perform lab rotations. Such lab rotations will be "graded" as elective credit.
7. During their last lab rotation, the student must declare a ranked matching request of the research labs they would like to select for their doctoral research.
8. For each lab rotation, students will be graded by each mentor using a dedicated rubric. The average score of each lab rotation will serve as a grade for this course.
9. Placement in a research lab will be honored once an agreement between the mentee and the matching mentor is found.
10. In case of major issues arising during a lab rotation, a mentee may communicate with the Graduate Student Advisor to disclose issues and call for a meeting involving the Mentor, the local Graduate Student Advisor, the local Graduate Program Officer, and the Program Director to discuss and solve amiably such issues.
11. Additional didactic credit for Pharmaceutical Sciences Research Methods will only be allowed for training outside a student's assigned lab. The student's major advisor must submit a written request to the Graduate Program Coordinator requesting that the student be allowed to take a Research Methods course in another lab to learn techniques complementary to their research. Only one rotation outside the lab for additional credit will be allowed.
12. Students can only enroll in one term of Pharmaceutical Sciences Research Methods. Failure of the course will lead to student dismissal from the program.