

Adapting Traditional ASHP Resources for Non-Traditional Pharmacy Students

Most Colleges of Pharmacy employ a traditional four-year Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program. Students in those programs are referenced according to their professional year: a first-year student in a typical pharmacy program is called a P1, a second-year student a P2, a third-year a P3, and a fourth-year a P4. However, a number of pharmacy programs exist that follow different educational curricula. Schools or Colleges of Pharmacy may offer three- or six-year programs. In those instances, terminology may vary for how to refer to student pharmacists.

Four-Year Program	Three-Year Program	Six-Year Program
1 st Year Student: P1	1 st Year Student: P1	1 st Year Student: P1 or Freshman or PP1 (pre-pharmacy year 1)
2 nd Year Student: P2	2 nd Year Student: P2	2 nd Year Student: P2 or Sophomore or PP2
3 rd Year Student: P3	3 rd Year Student: P3	3 rd Year Student: P3 or P1
4 th Year Student: P4		4 th Year Student: P4 or P2
		5 th Year Student: P5 or P3
		6 th Year Student: P6 or P4

Depending on the program, a P3 might be a student graduating this year, in one year, or in three years. Differences in terminology can make it difficult for students to navigate valuable resources. To help you, the *ASHP Pharmacy Student Forum Residency Preparation Advisory Group* has developed a chart that outlines what resources are most applicable to you, for every program type. While ASHP's tools, guides, and resources mirrors the terminology of four-year programs, if you are in a three-year or six-year program simply follow the guide below.

Four-Year Program <i>ASHP resource reference point</i>	Three-Year Program	Six-Year Program
P1	P1	P1, P2, Freshman, Sophomore, PP1 or PP2*
P2	P1 or early P2	P4 or P2 (fourth-year)
P3	P2	P5 or P3 (fifth-year)
P4	P3	P6 or P4 (sixth-year)

**Students currently enrolled in the first or second year of a six-year pharmacy program are considered "pre-pharmacy" students. Please note that most ASHP resources are geared towards students who are enrolled in a professional pharmacy degree. While career exploration resources, publications, and practice updates are applicable to all, you may find the most value through your P3 through P6 years.*

Example: [ASHP's Road to Residency: Planning for Success as a P1-P3 Student](#)

- Three-Year Program
 - Use this document for your P1-P2 year to help establish a residency preparation timeline
 - For example, start building your CV your first semester of pharmacy school and start looking at residency programs late P1/early P2 year.
- Six-Year Program

- Students can dive into this resource their sophomore-P3 (or 2nd-5th year) of pharmacy school to build a residency preparation timeline
- For example, participate in the ASHP Clinical Skills competition in your P2 (or 4th year) to build your clinical skills and submit your CV to the ASHP CV Review program your P3 (or 5th year)

To sum it all up, ASHP Resources are a great benefit for ALL student members. If you use the guide above, any current or future resource can be applied to your pharmacy school path. Everyone's journey is different but ASHP can help you reach your end goals.

Do you have more questions regarding what resources are most applicable to you? E-mail us at students@ashp.org.