**Antimicrobial Stewardship Certificate Program**

The North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services Infectious Diseases and Epidemiology Unit and North Dakota State University are excited to announce an opportunity for pharmacists to complete the [Antimicrobial Stewardship Certificate Program (ASP](http://www.proce.com/certificate_programs)).

This innovative and intensive practice-based activity for pharmacists focuses on the pharmacist’s role in the area of appropriate use of antimicrobial agents. The certificate programs, which emphasize a health care team approach, seek to foster the development of a strong knowledge base in microbiology, pharmacology and disease state management in order to successfully implement an antibiotic stewardship program that will improve patient care, reduce healthcare expenditures and potentially reduce rates of resistance and prolong the longevity of the limited number of antimicrobial agents available to treat infections. Completion of the program will lead to certification through the Society of Infectious Disease Pharmacists.

Many pharmacists in North Dakota have already completed this program. These pharmacists have shared positive feedback about the program.

*“This program is worth pursuing if you are planning to initiate an antibiotic stewardship program or further develop an existing program, as it provides comprehensive educational material and helpful implementation suggestions.”*

*“Antibiotic choice is a huge area of opportunity for pharmacists, but one that is intimidating to many. This program gives you the knowledge and practical experience needed to confidently intervene for your patients.”*

*“This program has been invaluable. It really helps prepare pharmacists to be a vital member of an antibiotic stewardship team.”*

The certification will be offered to pharmacists at no cost. The certification includes the opportunity to earn 2.6-3.1 CEUs. Pharmacists must be practicing in the state of North Dakota to be eligible for the training.

Pharmacists must start the certificate program by **August 1, 2023** and complete it by **July 31, 2024.** Preference will be given to pharmacists that work in long-term care facilities, critical access hospitals, those working on antimicrobial stewardship, and those working in multiple facilities.

Interested pharmacists must complete the attached application and return it to Emily Perry by **5 p.m. on Friday, June 30, 2023**. Pharmacists selected to complete the training will be notified no later than **Friday,** **July 16th, 2023**.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Perry, Antimicrobial Stewardship Lead at NDSU Center for Collaboration and Advancement in Pharmacy, at 701-552-2784 or by emailing emily.perry@ndsu.edu.

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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please specify the percentage of time you practice at or offer pharmacy services to the following in a given month:

\_\_\_ Long-term care facility \_\_\_ Critical Access Hospital (CAH)

\_\_\_ Hospital (other than CAH) \_\_\_ Institutional pharmacy

\_\_\_ Retail/community pharmacy \_\_\_ Other: please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1) Please list the location(s) of the pharmacy you practice at or offer pharmacy services:

2) In your current role, do you assist with antimicrobial stewardship initiatives?  Yes / No

If yes, please explain.

3) Are you willing to work with long-term care facilities or critical access hospitals on antimicrobial stewardship, even if you are not currently doing so?  Yes / No

If yes, briefly explain how you would see yourself assisting the facilities in the antimicrobial stewardship program.

4) In 3-5 sentences, please tell us why you would like to become certified in antimicrobial stewardship?