Representing students at Michigan’s three colleges of pharmacy.
WELCOME TO SMPA!

Congratulations on starting your career as a pharmacist on the right foot with Student Michigan Pharmacists Association (SMPA) membership. As an SMPA member, we’ll keep you up-to-date on what’s happening in the pharmacy world so you can focus on what’s really important: getting your degree!

By now, you should have your membership card and you should be receiving all electronic MPA communications.

This SMPA packet is an introduction to the Association, what you can expect as an SMPA member and how we’ll help you make the student to new practitioner transition!

SMPA is here for YOU! Let’s get started!

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Words of Wisdom

“I wish someone had shared how important membership is in influencing lawmakers – both directly and indirectly. The more members the Association has means more support for lobbying efforts. MPA provides so many opportunities to meet face-to-face with legislators; take advantage of that!”
• MPA is the **ONLY state pharmacy association in Michigan**, and has been around for more than 130 years!

• MPA represents the needs of all pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and student pharmacists in Michigan

• MPA **advocates on your behalf** when it matters most

• MPA **monitors activity in the legislature** that would affect pharmacists and pharmacy practice

• MPA introduces legislation that would **protect a pharmacist’s ability to practice and enhance patient care**

• MPA practice sections and affiliations include:

  ° **Michigan Society of Community Pharmacists (MSCP)**

  ° **Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP)**

  ° **Consultant and Specialty Pharmacists of Michigan (CPSM)**

  ° **Student Michigan Pharmacists Association (SMPA)**

  ° **Michigan Society of Pharmacy Technicians (MSPT)**


> “Keep your options open; don’t decide on a certain practice area until you’ve experienced as many of them as possible.”
What You Can Expect from SMPA

WORDS OF WISDOM

“An opportunity that I missed while in school was the chance to go to Pharmacy Day at the Capitol — if someone would have explained how important it is, I would have gone every year!”
• **FREE OR DISCOUNTED** registration at MPA events:
  ° Annual Convention & Exposition, a three-day event held in Detroit the last weekend in February
  ° MSHP Annual Meeting held in October/November
  ° Discounts on registration rates for all other events

• **DISCOUNTS** on all MPA publications, including law review materials

• **Opportunity to participate in MPA events** such as Pharmacy Day at the Capitol and the Pharmacy Law and Policy Symposium

• **Invitation to attend a P4 law review** at a discounted registration fee (typically held in the spring or early summer)

• **Opportunity to participate in the Foundation’s Adopt-a-Student Program**

• **Opportunity to apply for Foundation funding:**
  ° $2,500 annual scholarship (one scholarship awarded to a P2 or P3 student at each college of pharmacy in Michigan)
  ° Annual grant program

• **Support** from MPA members and staff:
  ° Networking opportunities
  ° Experiential rotations opportunities
  ° Answers to law- and regulatory-related questions
  ° Interaction with the Student Pharmacist Executive Council
“You may hear “blah, blah, blah” when someone mentions networking, but don’t take it for granted. MPA’s networking opportunities can open MANY doors.”

“The earlier you get involved, the sooner you learn the ins and outs. Get to know staff members who you can go to for all sorts of issues – pharmacy practice, law, local associations, etc. – and gain an edge in knowing how the Association operates.”

“Get involved in a local association early; it’s free with membership!”

“One of the greatest benefits of membership is gaining access to a network of committed professionals...the sooner you access that network, the sooner you can join those voices and learn from those peers.”

“It’s important to get involved early and to stay involved as it helps with the many transitions a new practitioner experiences. Having a professional development plan is also something that employers look for and value.”

“When someone asks you to do something for your profession, never say no; you may never get asked again.”

“MPA helps your professional growth by allowing you to be the first to know about changes (or proposed changes) to laws and whatever is coming down the pipeline. Without that information, I’d be in the dark.”

“Pharmacy is small world...never break the ties you have with others, as they could provide many great opportunities into the future.”
So, You Graduate Pharmacy School. Then What?

Congratulations! After surviving four years of pharmacy school (you can do it!), don’t think that we forget about you. Once you graduate, MPA offers FREE membership through the end of your graduation year.

Student membership is important, but once you graduate, MPA membership is critical to your success as a pharmacist! If you’re still not sold, just read the MPA “Words of Wisdom” included throughout this kit and on the adjacent page.

With your complimentary membership, take advantage of the discount you receive on MPA publications such as our law review materials, or participate in one of our Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery Programs to become a certified immunizer. The opportunities to get involved after graduation are endless: consider joining an MPA, MSHP or MSCP Committee or get involved with a local association.

After complimentary membership, the deals don’t stop. At this point, you can take advantage of our new practitioner membership! As a loyal SMPA member, new practitioner membership is exclusive to you. This means that for two years after graduation, MPA membership costs just $100 per year! That’s less than half of our full-time pharmacist membership dues. When the time finally comes, and you attend your first continuing education program, make sure it’s an MPA one. With membership, CE event registration rates are discounted up to 50 percent!

From student to graduate complimentary to new practitioner membership, MPA will be there for you the whole way.
Know a Student Pharmacist Who’s Not a Member?
Share the application on the next page with them!

STAY CONNECTED WITH MPA
Follow MPA or Student MPA on your favorite social media sites to keep up-to-date on the latest Association happenings, events and professional news.

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What Does MPA Do For You?

1. MPA wants student pharmacists on every Committee.
2. MPA advocates on your behalf, monitors activity in the Michigan Legislature, and protects the interests of pharmacists and the future of your profession!
3. SMPA membership means you’re eligible to apply for a $2,500 scholarship from Michigan Pharmacy Foundation during your P2 or P3 year!

Why Should You Join MPA as a Student?

• NETWORK with pharmacists who are practicing in the real world. These connections could lead to a JOB later on!
• LEARN about the exciting pharmacy career you never knew you always wanted.
• DIFFERENTIATE yourself from the pack by being involved in Student MPA or the Student Pharmacist Executive Council.

What Does SMPA Offer?

Take advantage of these networking opportunities to make the most of your membership and get involved!

• Attend the MPA Annual Convention & Exposition the last weekend in February, including the Student Pharmacist Social!
• Participate in the Michigan Pharmacy Foundation Adopt-a-Student Program at the Annual Convention
• Get involved in MPA and MSHP Committees
• Attend the November MSHP Annual Meeting
• Participate in special student events, including those held during the American Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting & Exposition and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Annual Meeting
• Network with legislators at Pharmacy Day at the Capitol in the fall or attend the Pharmacy Law and Policy Symposium in the spring
• Take advantage of MPA internship opportunities
• Become a published author in MPA publications

Career membership is good for the four years you’re in school and is ONLY $40!

Plus, your SMPA membership qualifies you for reduced rates as you transition to a new practitioner!

MPA communications help you stay up-to-date on what’s going on in the world of pharmacy, including New Practitioner Exchange, MPA E-news, MPA Executive Update, MSHP Monitor and more!

How Do I Join?

Join online at www.MichiganPharmacists.org. For more information, contact MPA Director of Membership Mike Wolf at (517) 377-0231 or Mike@MichiganPharmacists.org.
“The best advice I’ve ever received is that you cannot be heard if you don’t speak up. Part of speaking up is belonging, so belong!”

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☐ Special Discount for Multi-year Membership: $40
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