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PGXL to Train PharmD Candidates in Genetics

Program with Sullivan University designed
to give students experience in clinical genetics

LOUISVILLE, KY – PGXL Laboratories will provide training in state-of-the-art gene-based drug dosing for 3rd year PharmD students from the Sullivan University College of Pharmacy (SUCOP).

The five-week clinical rotation will provide real-practice experience under the supervision of some of the world's leading clinical practitioners of pharmacogenetics. The students will learn to perform and interpret PGXL's advanced drug sensitivity test panel, which assays 15 genes affecting the metabolism, transport and activity of medication in the body.

"One of PGXL's missions is to train the next generation of medical professionals," says Dr. Roland Valdes Jr., President of PGXL and Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Louisville. "For these students, pharmacogenetics will be an important dimension of their practice in enabling personalize medicine. We are thrilled, as part of our community engagement, to be able to jump-start their understanding of this important new discipline."

The educational collaboration between PGXL and SUCOP has been in the works for more than a year. Several Sullivan students have interned at PGXL, and PGXL scientists have lectured at the school.

"SUCOP is beyond excited that PGXL has provided us with this opportunity for collaborative research for both faculty and students," said Dr. Sarah Smith, Executive Director of Experiential Education at SUCOP. "For the students, timing is everything. This is a brand new facet of optimizing medication therapy in which few pharmacists are trained. SUCOP students will get this training during their tenure at the college, allowing them to implement pharmacogenetics testing and interpretation into their practice early."



ABOUT PGXL

PGXL Laboratories was founded with the mission of enabling and advancing the practice of personalized medicine. The company operates as both a commercial and research laboratory, and is engaged with the development of personalized medicine at the level of discovery, assay development and clinical testing. It has been delivering genetic test results and interpretations since 2001, and is CLIA and CAP certified.

ABOUT SULLIVAN UNIVERSITY

Sullivan University is instructionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Associate, Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees, and is programmatically accredited by the Accrediting Council for Pharmacy Education. The University offers numerous certificates, diplomas and degrees in career-orientated programs in business, pharmacy, human resources, technology, supply-chain management, culinary and baking and pastry arts, hospitality studies, conflict management, nursing, allied health sciences, legal studies and early childhood education. Sullivan University is a part of the Sullivan University System, which includes Kentucky campuses in Louisville, Lexington and Fort Knox, as well as an online division. For more information, visit www.sullivan.edu.

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