

Curriculum Philosophy

The College's Doctor of Pharmacy integrated curriculum emphasizes the mindset of self-awareness, innovation, and professionalism essential for developing skills to be responsive to and be leaders in advanced pharmacy practice. Through professional socialization and patient-centered student experiences, we prepare caring graduates to manage drug therapy as collaborative, interprofessional team members. It assures students graduate ready to contribute to the health and wellness of individuals and communities, educate a broad range of constituents, and effectively manage a highly technical workforce. The figure below presents this philosophy and vision.



Pharmacists' Patient Care Process (PPCP) & Idaho State PharmD Student Identity

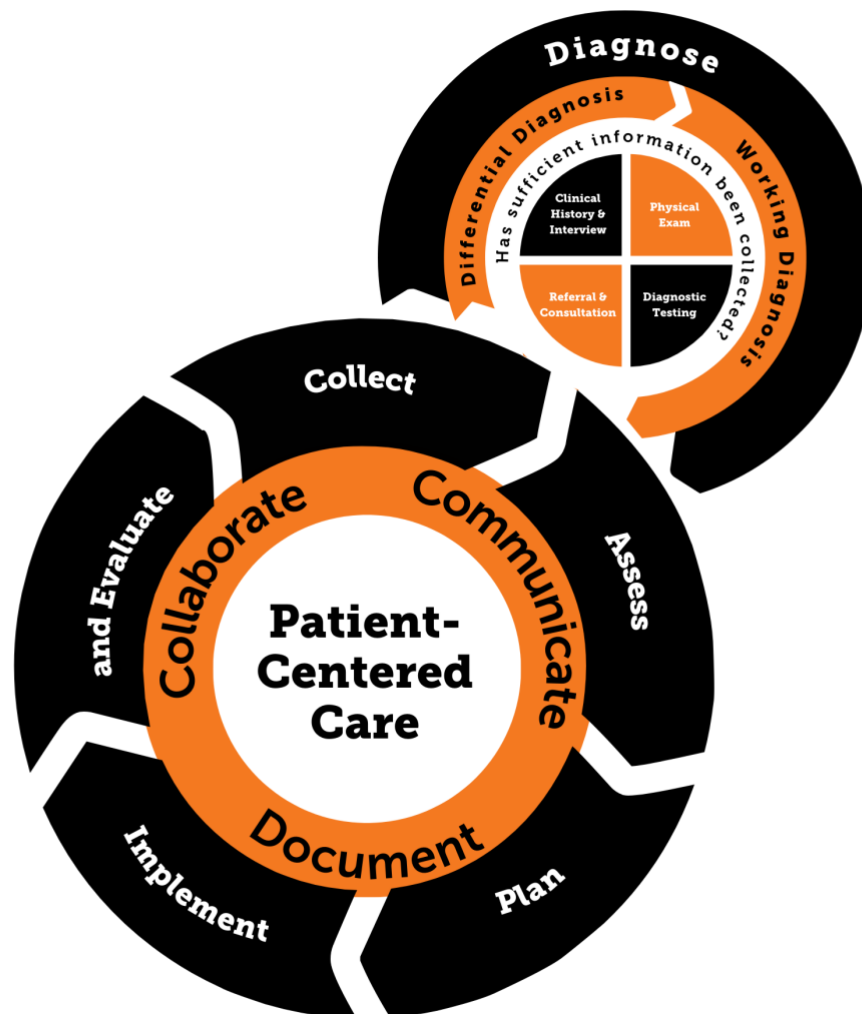
The College integrates the PPCP throughout the curriculum. The PPCP uses a patient-centered approach that depends on the pharmacist having an established relationship with the patient. The relationship supports engagement and effective communication with the patient, family, and caregivers throughout the process. The process also involves the pharmacist working with prescribers and other practitioners to optimize patient health and medication outcomes. The process includes five aspects of patient care. More detailed information about the PPCP can be found [here](#).

Idaho State University PharmD Graduate Identity

As experts in medication optimization, our graduates embody critical thinking, innovative leadership, and compassion in their clinical practice.

Idaho State University PharmD Modified PPCP (PPCP+)

The PPCP is not inclusive of the advanced scope of pharmacy practice allowed in Idaho and Alaska. The College's faculty have modified the PPCP (and our curricular outcomes and entrustable professional activities - see *Curricular Outcomes and Entrustable Professional Activities (COEPA+)*) to better represent the necessary steps to intentionally include diagnosis, differential diagnosis, and independent prescribing within the context of our states' scope of pharmacy practice.



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