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The Medical College of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy's Doctor of Pharmacy Program Receives Full Accreditation Status

Milwaukee, Jan. 27, 2021 – The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) School of Pharmacy's Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program has been granted full Accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The ACPE is the national agency for accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education. Upon receiving full Accreditation status, MCW School of Pharmacy's has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of ACPE, that its PharmD program complies with stringent accreditation standards and has graduated its first class of students in May 2020. Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for pharmacist licensure examinations upon successful completion of the PharmD program.

“The achievement of full accreditation is a testament to the outstanding effort and dedication of our students, faculty and staff,” said John R. Raymond, Sr., MD, president and CEO of MCW, who envisioned the creation of the School of Pharmacy in 2014. “Our PharmD graduates will continue to transform healthcare within the state of Wisconsin and beyond through the continuum of discovery and the advancement of innovative pharmacy practice and patient care models to achieve better health.”

The MCW School of Pharmacy prepares the next generation of pharmacists to be fully equipped for the new demands and opportunities of this rapidly evolving profession. The MCW School of Pharmacy not only educates the pharmacists of the future, it creates new and innovative practice models and interprofessional health care teams that leverage the role of the pharmacist to deliver patient-centered care with improved health outcomes, benefiting patients, providers and payers.

“The School of Pharmacy is producing pharmacists of the future who are able to meet the growing healthcare needs of our communities, offering increased access to preventative and primary care services for patients,” said George E. MacKinnon III, PhD, MS, RPh, founding dean and professor. “This access to expanded healthcare services is especially important in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Pharmacists are one of the most accessible providers in the health care profession, uniquely positioned to provide care, such as point-of-care testing and immunizations, in medically underserved areas.”

The MCW School of Pharmacy is the only three-year PharmD program in the Midwest that is located at an academic medical center, providing access to world-renowned resources at

Froedtert Hospital and Children's Wisconsin and partnerships with the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center for students and faculty alike.

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About the Medical College of Wisconsin

With a history dating back to 1893, The Medical College of Wisconsin is dedicated to leadership and excellence in education, patient care, research and community engagement. More than 1,400 students are enrolled in MCW's medical school and graduate school programs in Milwaukee, Green Bay and Central Wisconsin. MCW's School of Pharmacy opened in 2017. A major national research center, MCW is the largest research institution in the Milwaukee metro area and second largest in Wisconsin. In the last ten years, faculty received more than \$1.5 billion in external support for research, teaching, training and related purposes. This total includes highly competitive research and training awards from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Annually, MCW faculty direct or collaborate on more than 3,100 research studies, including clinical trials. Additionally, more than 1,600 physicians provide care in virtually every specialty of medicine for more than 2.8 million patients annually.