

PRP BOOTCAMP: CAREER PATHWAY FOR PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED PHARMACISTS

The Faculty of Pharmacy's Department of Clinical Pharmacy successfully organised PRP Bootcamp, a two-day event tailored for our Pharmacists-in-Training and other pharmacy students and graduates in Malaysia. Taking place from January 13th to 14th, 2024, at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Puncak Alam Campus, the program drew a total of 62 participants from University Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and various other universities. This first PRP Bootcamp was inaugurated by Prof. Dato' Dr. Abu Bakar Abdul Majeed, the dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM.

The primary objectives of the program were to provide participants with insights into career pathways within different pharmacy sectors and to underscore the essential soft skills necessary to navigate future challenges as provisionally registered pharmacists (PRPs). Notably, the PRP Bootcamp featured experienced speakers from diverse pharmacy domains, including the Malaysian Pharmacy Board, hospital pharmacy, community pharmacy, industrial pharmacy, and research and academia. These speakers, including UiTM alumni and representatives from MOU partners; Alpro Pharmacy and Duopharma Sdn. Bhd., and Prof. Wong Tin Wui, shared their firsthand experiences from their respective fields and imparted invaluable soft and interpersonal skills crucial for PRPs to excel in their careers.

The program also offered lectures on emotional intelligence regulation, the code of ethics for pharmacists, and financial management skills, providing participants with essential preparation for their professional lives ahead. During networking sessions on the second day, participants seized the opportunity to engage with speakers, discussing various issues related to their interests, choices, and concerns.

Furthermore, the PRP Bootcamp provided hands-on sessions, allowing participants to delve deeper into their chosen tracks. On the first day, participants were divided into hospital pharmacy and academia/research tracks, engaging in activities such as outpatient pharmacy simulation, clinical case discussions and research preparation.





Meanwhile, on the second day, participants explored either the industrial or community pharmacy track, with highlights including a visit to the GMP plant at the Faculty of Pharmacy, led by committee members and alumnus Mr. Khubaib Azahari, Manager of Pharmaniaga Bhd. Additionally, the community pharmacy track featured a workshop on patient counseling and symptom response, facilitated by Ms. En Ni Lim from Alpro Pharmacy.

Overall, participants' feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing appreciation for the program's enhancement of their pharmacy skills and confidence for future roles as pharmacists. They enthusiastically recommended the program to future participants, underscoring its value in professional development. The success of the PRP Bootcamp owes much to the dedication of 30 lecturers and staff from the faculty.

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