



ASHP Foundation News Release

ASHP Foundation Recognizes Largest Pharmacy Leadership Academy Class to Graduate

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BETHESDA, MD (August 2, 2017) – The ASHP Research and Education Foundation’s Pharmacy Leadership Academy is pleased to announce that 86 pharmacists completed the 2016-2017 program. This was the largest class to graduate in the program’s 10-year history.

This is also the first class to bear the designation of Diplomat, Pharmacy Leadership Academy (DPLA). This designation was created to recognize pharmacists who have an expanded skill set and achievement in the area of leadership. Graduates of past classes may also use this designation. [Learn more about the Class of 2016.](#)

The Academy was established in 2006 and is supported in part by an educational donation from Amgen, Inc. The Academy’s one-year curriculum gives pharmacists an opportunity to couple leadership principles with their unique skills and perspectives, preparing them to meet the challenges of the evolving healthcare model, become leaders in patient-centered medication management, and improve the quality of care in health systems. The leadership education provided is applicable to pharmacy practitioners in both small and large institutions who aspire to leadership positions.

The Pharmacy Leadership Academy is also recognized as a graduate-level-worthy program, eligible for graduate credit hours from participating colleges and universities. [Read more about graduate program opportunities.](#)

The Pharmacy Leadership Academy has been a launching pad for most graduates as the program has positioned them for notable career advancement opportunities. One such example, among many noteworthy success stories, is highlighted in [the ASHP Foundation’s 2016 Annual Report.](#)

About the ASHP Foundation

The ASHP Research and Education Foundation (www.ashpfoundation.org) was established in 1968 by ASHP (www.ashp.org) as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. As the philanthropic arm of ASHP, our vision is that patient outcomes improve because of the leadership and clinical skills of pharmacists who, as vital members of the healthcare team, are accountable for safe and effective medication use. Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of patients in health systems through appropriate, safe, and effective medication use.

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