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Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (BU COPHS) is committed to furthering pharmacy resident education, providing a longitudinal academic experiential program (LAEP) for six university sponsored residency programs. In addition, components of this LAEP are offered to residents throughout Indianapolis and surrounding areas. Approximately 40 residents participate in the LAEP each year. Residents participating in these programs gain experience as student educators during experiential education, small group facilitation, and didactic lectures. Assigned faculty preceptors provide formative and summative feedback through verbal and written evaluations during each experience. In addition to student education, residents may also elect to complete an academic or academic administration focused rotation paired with clinical faculty or academic administrators. Regardless of the focus, each LAEP includes accreditation program goals and objectives for successful completion. Prior to participation in the LAEP, residents are encouraged to complete the Indiana Pharmacy Teaching Certificate Program, a collaborative program offered jointly by Purdue University College of Pharmacy and BU COPHS. This program provides the necessary foundation for the academic experience. With the continued growth in colleges of pharmacy, it is imperative that resident training include exposure to student teaching. BU COPHS continues to incorporate resident training into campus-based and experiential instruction and provides a strong academic background prior to completion of the residency program.