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Promoting 2SLGBTQ+ Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity in Pharmacy Education (PRIDE-RX): Progress Updates

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Rationale

The 2019 House of Commons report on "The Health of LGBTQIA+ Communities in Canada" recommends that sexual and gender diversity be included in health professional training.¹

Background

PRIDE-RX integrates sexual orientation, gender identity and expression education into the Entryto-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum. The goal is to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to provide safe and inclusive health care to 2SLGBTQ+ communities.

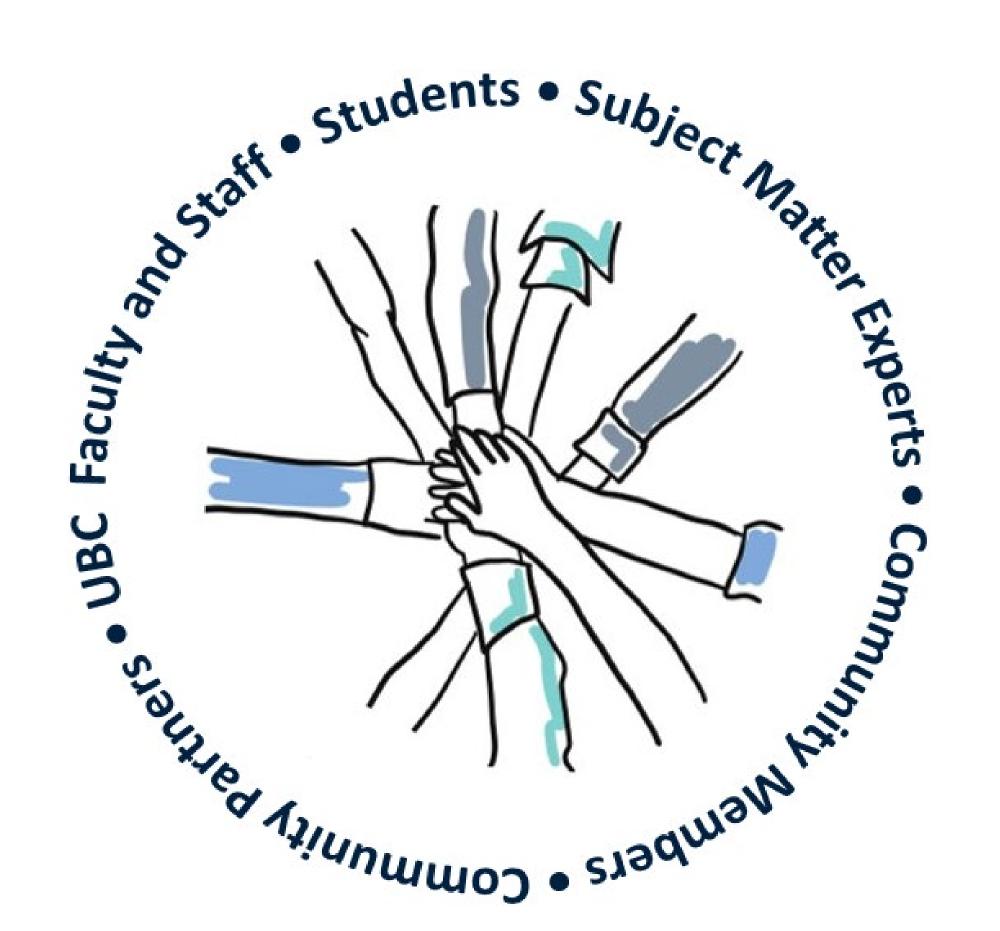


Figure 1. The Queer Curriculum Advisory Committee (QCAC) is a 17member committee providing guidance and recommendations on the development, implementation, and evaluation of a SOGIE inclusive curriculum.

PRIDE-RX Curriculum

PHRM 100 Foundations of Pharmacy

> 1-hour mandatory lecture (Complete)

PHRM 270 Community Service Learning II

3-hour mandatory workshop (Complete)

PHRM 300E Pharmacist's Role in **Gender Responsive 2SLGBTQ+** Care (PROGRESS)

3-credit elective course (Complete)

PHRM 441 Advanced Topics in Pharmacy Practice 1-hour asynchronous

module (New content in 2024W)

Practice Experience 8-week community engaged learning practicum (Pilot in 2024W)

PHRM 473 Selected

Advanced Pharmacy

Reference 1. House of Commons., & Casey, B., The health of LGBTQIA2 communities in Canada: Twentyeighth report of the Standing Committee on Health (42nd parl. 1st Sess.) (n.d.).

PHRM 300E PROGRESS

Explores 2SLGBTQ+ health topics, such as intersectionality, inclusive research and care, and how healthcare systems upholds cis- and heteronormativity. The Queering the Pharmacy assignment was based on a real pharmacy in Vancouver. Students made recommendations to create a more inclusive pharmacy practice and space. Students worked collaboratively with the City of Vancouver on the *Ideathon Challenge* to come up with solutions to a real, local problem faced by 2SLGBTQ+ communities. Students reflected that the course filled a gap in the curriculum.

Real World Impact

PHRM 300E: Student ideas from Queering the Pharmacy were collated and shared with corporate stakeholders.

PHRM 300E: Ideathon solutions were presented to city staff and stakeholders for considerations, with the intent of translating into real world changes.

PHRM 473: Students will work on a project in collaboration with community partners to address a community need or priority.

Positionality

Most of our team identify as members of various 2SLGBTQ+ subcommunities, but we recognize the inherent limitations in our ability to fully comprehend the lived experiences of those facing different realities to our own.

Acknowledgment

The Point Grey campus is located on the stolen land of the Musqueam people. We seek to work in solidarity with First Peoples and members from equity-denied communities to dismantle the systemic cisheteronormativity.



