University at Buffalo
Student Success and Engagement
School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

To: Post-Graduate Training Program
Re: University at Buffalo, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, PharmD Graduating Class of 2027

The University at Buffalo (UB) School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SPPS) is proud of its long-standing tradition of graduating clinically competent Doctor of Pharmacy students. Our four-year, in-person PharmD program is ranked #1 in New York State and #15 nationally.
This letter provides context for our curriculum and grading system to support your review of our graduates. The Class of 2027 includes 94 student pharmacists. While our Honors (H), Satisfactory (S), and Unsatisfactory (U) grading system may differ from traditional models, UB SPPS consistently achieves the highest NAPLEX pass rates and residency match rates in New York State (among eight schools).

Curriculum Overview
Our curriculum emphasizes academic excellence, professional development, and personal growth. Students participate in nationally recognized interprofessional education (IPE) and complete Objective Structured Clinical Exams (OSCEs) in the 2nd and 3rd professional years to assess APPE-readiness.

Grading System
All PharmD courses use the H/S/U scale:

- **H (Honors):** Grade of **90% or higher**
- **S (Satisfactory):** Grade between **70% and 89%**
- **U (Unsatisfactory):** Grade of **69% or lower**

Course percentages are then averaged to calculate a CAP (cumulative average percent). CAP is a straight average of all required course final percentages. CAP is not weighted by course credit hours. Each student CAP can be found directly on their individual transcript.

Student Engagement
Each student joins a Learning and Engagement Community (LEC) led by faculty advisors. With 25 professional organizations and a robust co-curriculum, students explore interests, develop leadership skills, and contribute to the profession.

We are confident that our graduates are well-prepared to become outstanding pharmacists and future leaders. For further information, please contact us at pharm-advise@buffalo.edu.

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