

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY Dalhousie Continuing Pharmacy Education: Working Together to Achieve the Vision

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Introduction

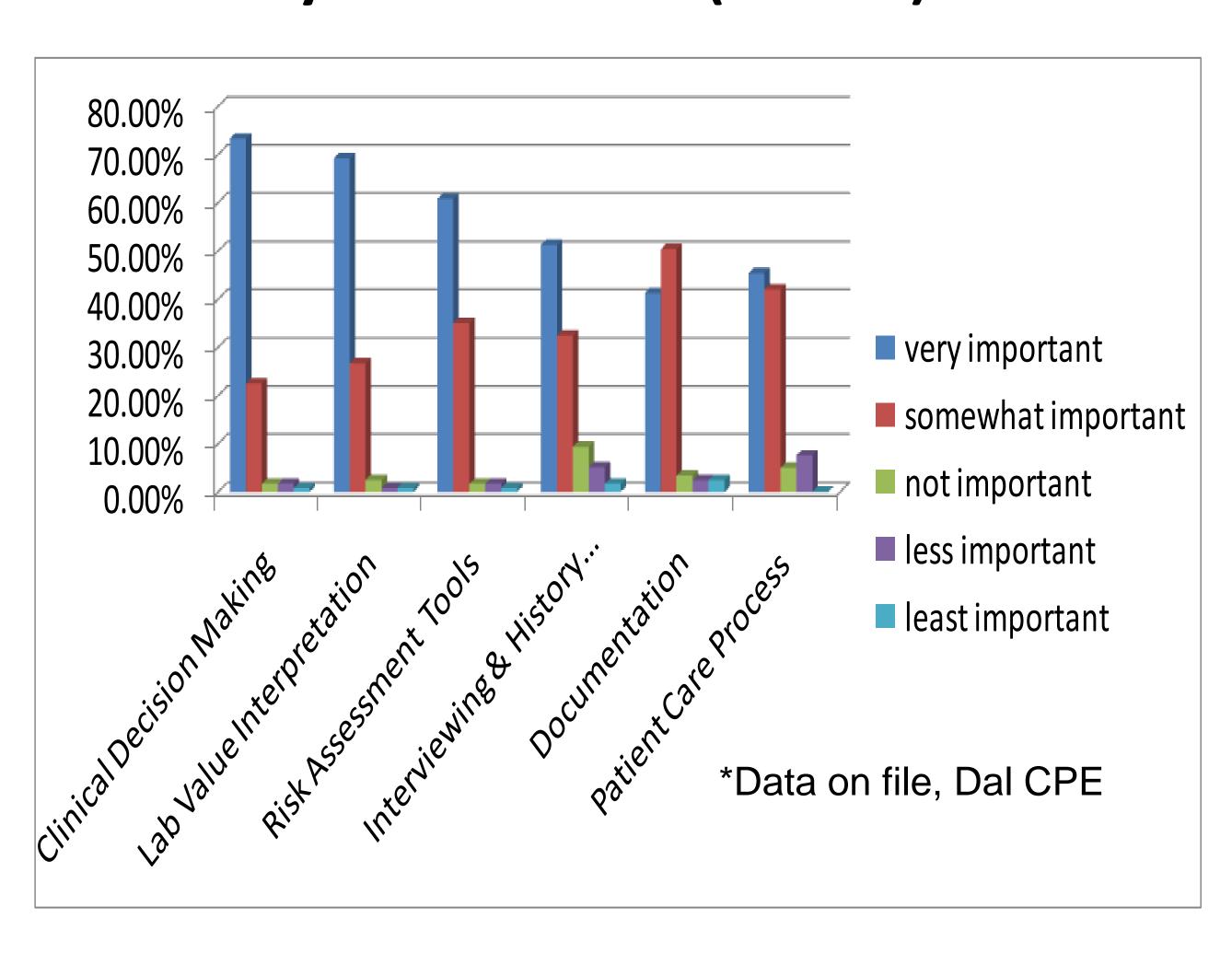
Pharmacy in Canada has a new vision as defined by the Blueprint for Pharmacy. As the profession evolves, Dalhousie Continuing Pharmacy Education (Dal CPE) is supporting practice change by developing and delivering professional development programs that will help pharmacists achieve this "Vision for Pharmacy".

"The Vision for Pharmacy"



¹ Blueprint for Pharmacy The Vision for Pharmacy, CPhA, June 2008.

Continuing Education Needs Identified by Pharmacists (n= 120)*



Supporting the Blueprint in Motion

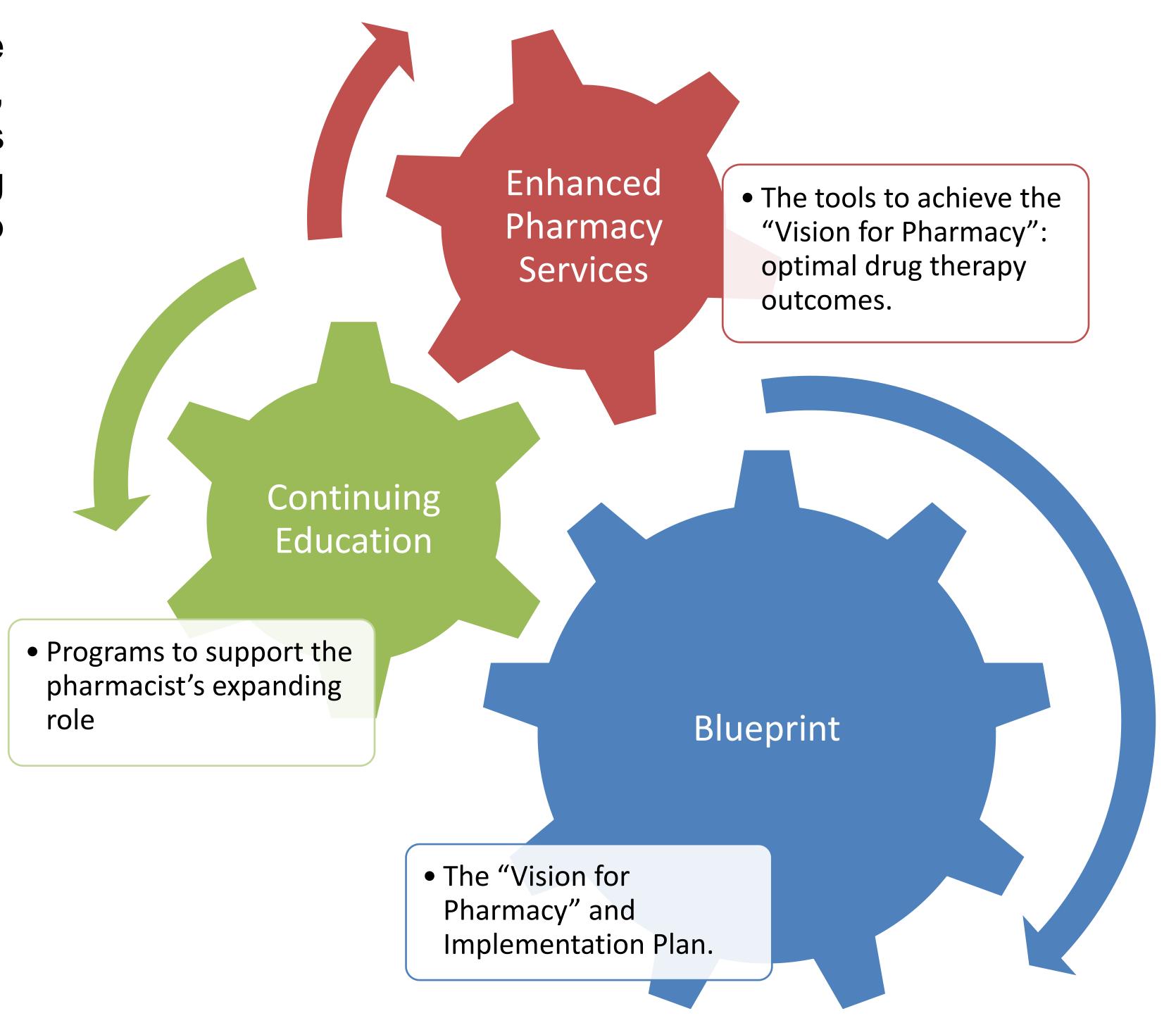


Table 1: Blueprint Implementation Plan

Blueprint Implementation Plan Actions ²
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- Promote and increase interprofessional and intraprofessional approaches to education and training to ensure optimal patient-centred care in an integrated health care environment.
- Ensure all pharmacy professionals, including students, value and develop lifelong learning and personal performance assessment skills to assist them to be competent to practice in these emerging roles.
- Implement accessible programs to upgrade knowledge, skills and values to support current practice and services, the implementation of new professional pharmacy services, specialty practices, or new practice models.
- Create partnerships to develop and deliver learning programs to facilitate innovation in pharmacy services.

² Blueprint for Pharmacy Implementation Plan, CPhA, September 2009.

Table 2: From Blueprint to Practice

Blueprint Plan Action (see Table 1)	Supporting Dal CPE Programs	Enhanced Pharmacy Services
1.4, 1.7, 1.8	 Supporting Practice Change Programs Cardiovascular Certificate Patient Assessment and Monitoring Immunization and Injection Administration Training 	 Medication Management Programs Pharmacist Prescribing (adapting, therapeutic substitution, etc.) Immunization and Injection Services
1.4, 1.7	Knowledge Transfer ProgramsKatie ProgramAcademic Detailing RxEvidence Appraisals	 Knowledge Transfer – Policy Changes Medication Management Pharmacist Prescribing
1.2, 1.8	Interprofessional ProgramsConferencesDiabetes Education InitiativeDrug Diversion	Collaborative PracticesPharmacist PrescribingMedication Management

Overviews of Two Dal CPE Programs

Cardiovascular Certificate Program

- Unit 1 The Art of Collaboration
- Unit 2 Critical Appraisal Skills and the Patient Care Process
- Unit 3 The Foundation: Lifestyle Management
- Part 1: Physical Activity
- Part2: Eating Your Way to a Healthy Heart
- Unit 4 Putting the Current Dyslipidemia Guidelines into Practice
- Unit 5 Pharmacotherapy of Dyslipidemia
- Unit 6 Hypertension Guidelines for Pharmacists
- Unit 7 Pharmacotherapy of Hypertension
- Unit 8 Live Day: Bringing it all Together
- Patient Cases, Strategic Implementation Planning, Pharmacist Intervention Studies

Patient Assessment And Monitoring Program

- Introduction- The Horizon: Supporting the Journey of Practice Change
- Module 1- The Essentials: Patient Care Process and Clinical Decision Making
- Module 2- Effective Patient Interactions and Opportunities
- Module 3- Knowing When and How Information Should Change Your Practice
- Module 4- Motivational Interviewing Ready? Set? Go?
- Module 5- Within Normal Limits Lab Value Interpretation
- Module 6- Write it Right Documenting Patient Care
- Module 7- An Introduction to Patient Assessment Tools and Physical Assessment
- Module 8- Live Day: Practice Makes Perfect