

South Carolina Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare

Recruiting Rural Pharmacists

In order to advance healthcare and pharmacist career opportunities in rural areas, it is essential for students to enhance core skills to include leadership development, creativity, entrepreneurship, and collaboration. The "PAIRED with PEEP" and "PAIRED to ExCEL" programs at the UofSC School of Pharmacy provide interactive didactic and experiential opportunities for advanced pharmacy students to learn more about rural practice.

Program Info

PAIRED with PEEP

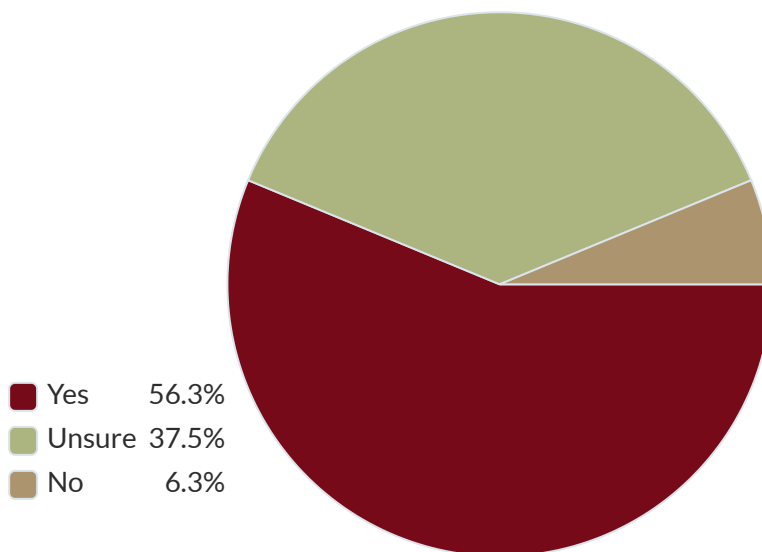
Pharmacy Advancement In Rural Experiential Development with the Palmetto Experiential Education Partnership awards tuition stipends to pharmacy students who elect to complete a rotation in a targeted rural county

PAIRED to ExCEL

Pharmacy Advancement In Rural Experiential Development to Expand, Collaboration, Entrepreneurship and Leadership in Rural Communities grew from the success of PAIRED with PEEP. This pilot program will develop a Rural Health Track within the pharmacy program curriculum

Program Impact

After program participation, **over 50% of participants are planning on practicing in a rural area after graduation**



"These experiences [gave me] a solid foundation for my future as a practicing pharmacist, especially if given the opportunity to work in a rural environment."

- PharmD student and PAIRED with PEEP participant

The goal of these programs is to enhance rural healthcare engagement of students to increase recruitment of rural pharmacists and improve retention.