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Dear Katie,

Please find attached a Specialization item from the College of Pharmacy. Initially I had thought it needed review at GS/CAA and was preparing it as such, resulting in some delay in my forwarding it to you.

Please let me know if any questions or concerns arise.

Best,

Lisa



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Dear Dr. Maria Miriti,

The Pharmaceutical Sciences graduate program currently has four specializations. On behalf of the graduate faculty of the College of Pharmacy, we are requesting a change in a graduate specialization name, from Health-System Pharmacy Administration to Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership. This change will align with terminology used by the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (ASHP) to describe the type of residency program most of these students are completing, PGY1/2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership (HSPAL) Residency, in conjunction with their master's degree from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy.

This change is also supported by the Ohio State Online Marketing and Communications team who conducted a program naming analysis and concluded that research supports changing the program name to the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences with a Specialization in Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership based on a few factors:

- The name change would match the program names of similar programs offered by the [University of Kentucky](#) and [University of North Carolina](#)
 - The University of Cincinnati's [MS in Pharmacy Leadership](#) also leans on "leadership" in the title with a slightly different name
- The name change supports the program's emphasis on "leadership"
- There is value in using the "HSPAL" acronym and "pharmacy leadership" keywords for wide net recruitment efforts
- Alignment on the residency and working professional program name will reduce potential confusion for current and prospective students

This change was approved by the associated research and graduate studies committee and approved by majority vote of the college's graduate faculty. There is no change in the required courses for students in this specialization, or any other required element of the specialization.

Of note, a recent curriculum review was also conducted, approved by the college's graduate studies committee, The Graduate School, and by CAA on July 17, 2025.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please let us know if any additional information is required.

Sincerely,



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