

## **ACP PEP EXPERIENCE PROPOSAL**

**Well over 90% of pharmacy services are paid for by a third party and well over 50% is paid by the Federal government. Today much of pharmacist activities are controlled by political decisions.**

**It is now imperative for pharmacy to be involved in the political process at all levels. North Carolina Pharmacy is involved but ACP/NCAP believes that as pharmacy students have an opportunity to understand the political process they will be able to help advance pharmacy's political agenda in the future.**

**To this end, ACP/NCAP purposes a program for 4<sup>th</sup> year pharmacy students to have the opportunity to select a Congressional rotation serving in the office of a North Carolina Senator or Member of the House. The student would be assigned to the Health Care Policy advisor for that Member and would do work related to health care legislation.**

**The student would have the opportunity see how health care is developed at the Congressional level and would also have the opportunity to do research and have input as bills are being composed and decisions are being made on how a bill should be constructed or amended.**

**This rotation, ideally, should be 3 months, although consideration will be given to students requesting a two month rotation. A selection committee will interview the candidates to determine their interests, motivation and preparation to be successful in this unique rotation. The Committee may request an essay from the candidates to answer the questions why am I interested in this rotation and how will it help me in my future pharmacy career? A housing stipend will be provided.**

**At the completion of this rotation the participant will:**

- 1. Understand the political process and how to influence it.**
- 2. Learn the steps involved in the passage of legislation and how bills can be changed during the process**
- 3. Become familiar with specific legislation affecting pharmacy**
- 4. Help develop policy positions on health legislation for the assigned Congressional office**
- 5. Become familiar with national pharmacy organizations and learn about their legislative activities**