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1. Educational Objectives

As the “University of the Nation” Seoul National University has as its primary responsibility to serve the citizens of Korea by offering the nation’s highest quality education, research and service. The ultimate goal of the University is to equip its students with a deep understanding and wisdom which will aid them in becoming able and responsible citizens of a democratic society. The University also recognizes its duty to make other services available for the advancement of the culture and welfare of the people.

It has been a tradition at the University that these objectives are accomplished only through excellence in academic standards, and our future achievements are sure to be accomplished by keeping to this tradition.

These goals, however, are not meant to be confined within the boundary of the nation. On the contrary, the advancement of the nation in culture, technology and welfare would ultimately be instrumental in international cooperation in varieties of socio-cultural endeavor and such an advancement would, in fact, be a prerequisite for every nation willing to contribute to the world.

In order to attain these goals, Seoul National University, the universal university of Korea, lays emphases on the following widely ranging aspects.

Personal development through liberal education

The University, first of all, lays a heavy emphasis on liberal education. It aims to bring each student to an awareness of current problems, to awake in him a desire to aid in their solution, and above all to give him the enlarged perspective that comes from an understanding of the social, scientific, technological, literary, religious, and philosophical traditions-i.e. the cultural heritage of mankind.

This emphasis on liberal education is ultimately aimed at helping students to attain intellectual abilities, skills, and lofty standards of behavior, which are all essential to the education and moral progress of every individual. It is estimated that instruments to such personal development are abilities and skills in reasoning, critical judgment, communication, good habits of study and of independent investigation, and abilities of sound judgment in matters of social responsibility.

Special and professional education

Another prime emphasizes given on providing opportunities for training students in technological and professional fields. To serve the needs of the nation and the welfare of its people, the University offers a variety of curricula and training activities for those who desire and are capable of professional attainment. Education in professions is also intended to augment the general education described in the preceding paragraph as well as to equip the student for a professional career.



Scholarship and research

A further emphasis is laid on efforts to make a contribution to the total body of knowledge through original investigation and creative research. Also recognized is the special moral obligation of the University community to give special concern to the specific major problems of Korea. To these ends the University encourages its students and faculty to engage in research, scholarship, and creative activities by providing facilities in an atmosphere conducive to achievements. The findings of research and creative activities are made available to the public through publications, public forums, and performances.

Social contribution

Cultural programs' technological aids to the community and adult education: By sponsoring exhibits, lectures, forums, and a variety of artistic and musical performances on and off its campuses, the University seeks to make a significant contribution to the cultural life of Korea.

Contribution of the University to technological aids to the community is highly acclaimed. Especially worthy of mention are the truly nation-wide contribution of Seoul National University Hospital to the health of the people and that of the Agricultural Experiment Station to the agricultural production of the nation.

Even though adult education is not of its main aims, the University offers a variety of programs for educating adults which are acclaimed to be high quality and high level courses in the country. Some of such programs include Advanced Center for Administrative Development program at the Graduate School of Public Administration, Advanced Management Program of the College of Business Administration, Educational Administrator's Training Program and Inservice Teachers Training Program of the College of Education, and Medical Teacher Training Program of the College of Medicine. The University was also instrumental in founding the Korea Air and Correspondence University which still relies very heavily on the University for the major portion of its scholarly brains and teaching staff.

Contribution of the University to the Korean society is so numerous and varied that a complete listing is beyond the scope of this small bulletin.

2. The Mission

The mission of College of Pharmacy at the Seoul National University is to be the preeminent college of pharmacy in education, research and service.

The mission of the College of Pharmacy at Seoul National University is to cultivate and prepare pharmacists to improve the health and well-being of our citizens by

1) embracing the knowledge on the pharmaceutical drugs that are used for the treatment of



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- human diseases,
- 2) conducting exceptional basic, clinical and social science research that will lead to important scientific understandings, drug discovery and development, and
 - 3) exhibiting the highest standards of the legal, civic, and moral responsibilities of the profession.

Academic Departments

Department of Pharmacy

The Department of Pharmacy offers program leading to B.S. degree in Pharmacy. This program offers the students a basic background in the medicinal chemistry, pharmacology, biochemistry, hygienic chemistry, analytical chemistry and pharmacognosy. The students in this program receive more focused education in the field of physical property, mechanism of action, admixture, dispensing and administration of drugs, and environmental pollution. Basic medical sciences and hospital pharmacy programs also have been incorporated in this program since 1983.

Department of Manufacturing Pharmacy

The Department of Manufacturing Pharmacy also offers program leading to B.S. degree in pharmacy. The program gives the students a basic background in the manufacturing pharmacy, pharmaceuticals, microbiology and physical pharmacy. This program emphasizes more in the field of synthesis of raw materials, development of various dosage forms, information controls of development of drugs and quality control of drugs.

3. Educational Objectives of the Graduate Programs

The educational objectives of the graduate courses leading to M.S. or Ph.D. are to train the most qualified students who can actively carry on research and provide education in the field of pharmacy and its related sciences.

Upon completion of the graduate courses,

- 1) Graduates should have developed a creative mind for the advancement of pharmacy and the development of the new technology.
- 2) Graduates should devote themselves to the development of pharmacy through continuous research work.
- 3) Graduates should prepare themselves as pharmaceutical scholars who can impart the knowledge and techniques of their specialized fields.