

Board Meeting  
January 24, 2013

RENAME THE DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION,  
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, CHICAGO

**Action:** Rename the Department of Pharmacy Administration, College of Pharmacy

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Vice President, University of Illinois and Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago with the advice of the Chicago Senate and the College of Pharmacy recommends approval to rename the Department of Pharmacy Administration as the Department of Pharmacy Systems, Outcomes, and Policy in the College of Pharmacy.

The new name is more consistent with the type of research and scholarship performed by contemporary social, administrative, economic, and behavioral scientists in colleges of pharmacy. Current graduate faculty in the department focus on pharmacy health service research, pharmacy health policy, and pharmacy education. The name "Pharmacy Administration" has become antiquated and does not represent the current knowledge and skill set students acquire during their graduate program, or the scholarship/research, teaching, and service missions of the Department. The discipline of social and administrative pharmacy sciences has evolved from a historical emphasis on traditional pharmacy management and marketing, which originated in a bygone era when most pharmacists became sole proprietors of their own pharmacies and needed to be

taught basic business administration. Present-day pharmacists typically work within large, complex health systems where they must assume responsibility for improving patients' drug therapy outcomes.

No name changes are proposed for the M.S. in Pharmacy and the Ph.D. in Pharmacy, currently offered by the Department.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.