

A report on Live Webinar organized on the topic Global Opportunities in Pharmacy

Event: Live Webinar on Global Opportunities in Pharmacy

Organizers: Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, ICFAI University, Himachal Pradesh in association with Academically Global HealthCare Academy, Australia along with International Healthcare Career Coach, Dr. Akram Ahmad

Date & Time: 1st April 2025, 11:30 AM

Location: Kalujhanda, Himachal Pradesh, India

Attendance: 60 students

The webinar on "Global Opportunities in Pharmacy: Preparing for OPRA, GRPLE, and GPAT for Success" highlighted the vast career potential for pharmacy professionals in both traditional and non traditional roles across the globe. The speaker emphasized the growing demand for pharmacists in retail, hospital settings, clinical research, academia, and regulatory affairs, especially in countries like the UK, Canada, Australia, and the UAE. Participants were encouraged to explore emerging fields such as pharmacogenomics which tailors drug therapy based on genetic profiles; telepharmacy, which offers remote pharmaceutical care; and consulting roles that focus on drug pricing and market access strategies. Key strategies for success included mastering licensing requirements, developing language proficiency for patient-facing roles, and leveraging pharmacy employment agencies to navigate international opportunities. The webinar also stressed the importance of preparing for competitive exams like OPRA, GRPLE, and GPAT by focusing on foundational knowledge and practical skills to enhance adaptability in diverse healthcare systems. The expert also advised attendees to focus on core competencies in pharmacology, patient care, and ethics while also engaging in mock tests and study groups to enhance their readiness. Emphasis was placed on developing soft skills such as communication, cultural competence, and teamwork. Engaging in internships or volunteer opportunities was also recommended to gain practical experience and enhance employability. Overall, the session inspired attendees to embrace global pharmacy careers for professional growth and personal transformation for successful careers that not only fulfill their professional aspirations but also contribute positively to global health outcomes. The session left participants feeling inspired and equipped with actionable insights to navigate their future in pharmacy.

