Preceptor Development Utilizing Statewide Regional Meetings

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Goals and Objectives

(1) To meet the ACPE standards for preceptor support and development by providing educational programs for preceptor,
(2) To educate preceptors regarding development of a standard orientation for students,
(3) To raise preceptor awareness and use of available technology for improvement of experiential education rotations.

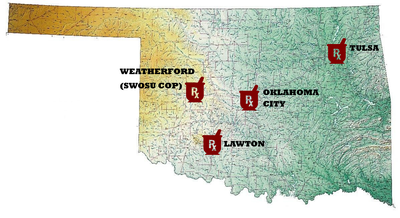
Methods

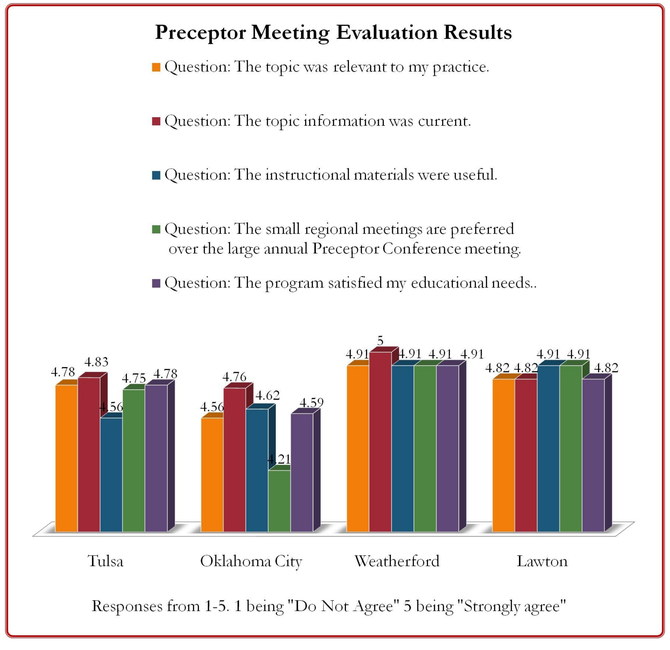
The need to provide additional preceptor development to complement the annual preceptor conference was identified in 2008. The Office of Experiential Education (OEE) developed statewide regional preceptors meetings to meet this need. Approval and funding were secured from the SWOSU COP Dean and the SWOSU Pharmacy Alumni Foundation. These dinner meetings included one hour of state approved continuing education (CE) for attendees.

Program: Using Technology to Improve Experiential Education Rotations; topics included:

- Developing a standard rotation orientation for students
- Accessing the University on-line library resources
- Using the Preceptor Development opportunities via the Pharmacist Letter Preceptor Training and Resource Network (PTRN)

Regional preceptor meeting locations included:



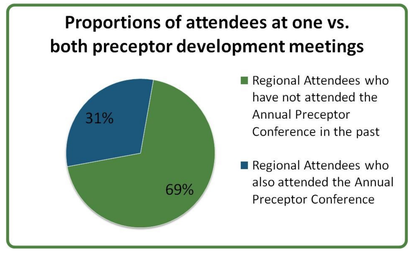


Results:

The meetings were held in the spring of 2010. A total of 75 preceptors attended. Attendees were surveyed following the meetings to determine if those who attended plan to develop a standard orientation for students and/or increase their use of technology during experiential education rotations. Selected results from preceptor evaluations are displayed on the center graph.

Additional and un-anticipated results include:

- The regional meetings reach a different preceptor base compared to the annual preceptor meeting.
- The attendees expressed a preference to gain preceptor development in a regional meeting format.



Implications of Using Statewide Regional Meetings for Preceptors:

- Constitute an effective method to deliver preceptor development opportunities.
- Complement the larger, annual, centrally located preceptor meeting
- Aid the COP in meeting ACPE standards for preceptor support and development.
- Allow the COP to discuss college specific information with preceptors in smaller group settings.
- Reach a different audience of preceptors than the annual meeting.

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