

I was watching the Vermont Senate Health and Welfare Committee hearing this morning regarding prescribing psychology. There were several questions about the MSCP training. I am the Training Director of the MSCP program at Idaho State University. I attached student handbooks that outline what this robust training looks like. Just some quick information:

- The MSCP program is in the L. S. Skaggs College of Pharmacy
- Equivalent to 2 full years of coursework
- We have an interdisciplinary faculty that also teach medical students, advanced practice nursing students, physician assistants, and pharmacists
- We have state of the art bioskills and cadaver labs where we train students, the same faculty and facilities used by medical students
- Students start is basic science, then move into clinical medicine and pharmacology coursework before psychopharmacology classes
- We actually train Psychiatry Fellows in our MSCP courses in the 9 credit Psychopharmacotherapeutics series, the MSCP students are outperforming the DO/MD students
- We have an Integrated Mental Health Clinic on campus where we do clinical training with MSCP students

Happy to provide additional information or answer questions if you have them.

Thanks,  
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