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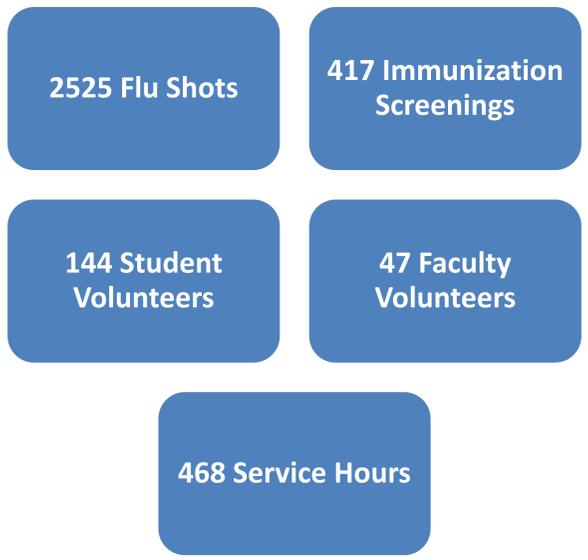


Pharmacy Students Putting Education Into Action

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Students at Creighton School of Pharmacy and Health Professions (SPAHP) are applying what they learn in the classroom through service learning. Operation Immunization (OI) is a program developed by the American Pharmacist Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) and the Student National Pharmaceutical Association.

Their goal is to promote optimal immunization rates. In this effort, trained pharmacy students and pharmacists administer vaccinations and educate on vaccine preventable diseases. The spirit of generosity, healing, and collaboration are being manifested through their service to the community.



Screening and Educating at the Bi-National Health Fair

“Shoo the Flu” campaign keeps the Creighton campus healthy

Serving the Community

The **Spirit of Creighton** is exemplified by OI efforts to protect the University community, as well as two local underserved populations against seasonal influenza.

In the **Spirit of Collaboration**, OI worked closely with CU Center for Health and Counseling, Creighton Medical Associates, the Intercultural Senior Center and Holy Family Parish to successfully immunize over 2500 individuals. Two free clinics provided services for homeless and uninsured Latino groups, using vaccine donated by the SPAHP. The clinics provided an invaluable opportunity for pharmacy students to apply their skills and knowledge through service to the community.

These experiences allow students to embody the **Spirit of Healing** in patient care, which allows them to develop into competent and compassionate pharmacists.

Educating Others

The duties of a compassionate immunizer continue beyond the administration of flu shots. OI volunteers provide one-on-one screenings and education to raise awareness of the importance and need for indicated vaccinations.

OI makes helping the underserved a priority. The homeless community was seen at Holy Family Catholic Church, while volunteers at the Bi-National Health Fair and Intercultural Senior Center provided services to a largely uninsured Hispanic population in South Omaha. Over 350 people were screened and educated at these events.



Holy Family Catholic Church



Intercultural Senior Center

Keeping the Spirit Alive

These experiences help to transform students into mature and confident pharmacists who work for and with others.

“I gained a lot of confidence in my ability to give vaccines and will be much more willing to give them in the future” - Student

“Creighton’s core values teach us to care for the whole person. When giving the vaccinations, it was fun to talk with the patients and learn little things about them. It was my goal to make them feel comfortable” - Student

“Satisfaction of seeing students become proficient at new skills, and gain confidence in providing this important preventative service” - Faculty

“There were a few moments where I just had to stop and admire the fact that so many people were doing something to actively take care of their health, and it felt really good to see that” - Student

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