<u>Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC)</u> Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil

The Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC) is a leading public institution of higher education in Brazil, recognized nationally and internationally for its excellence in teaching, research, and community engagement. Located in Florianópolis, the capital of Santa Catarina state, the university provides a vibrant academic environment within a city known for its quality of life, innovation, and healthcare services. The School of Pharmacy offers comprehensive training in pharmaceutical sciences and patient-centered care, integrating clinical practice, pharmaceutical technology, and public health initiatives. Students participating in rotations at UFSC will benefit from exposure to Brazil's public healthcare system (SUS), which provides universal access to healthcare services, and from the university's strong emphasis on interdisciplinary and patient-focused approaches.

During their rotation, students will engage in a variety of activities designed to enhance their clinical, analytical, and professional skills. These include participation in outpatient pharmaceutical care services, patient counseling, pharmacovigilance and medication safety initiatives, as well as interprofessional collaboration with physicians, nurses, and other health professionals in Primary Health Care system. Students will also have opportunities to observe and contribute to applied research projects in pharmacotherapy, chronic disease management, and health promotion. Through this experience, they will gain a deeper understanding of the pharmacist's role in Brazil's healthcare system, develop cultural competence, and strengthen their ability to deliver patient-centered care in diverse healthcare settings, including our University Pharmacy where medications obtained through legal claims are dispensed.