

## **Enhancing Pharmacy Education with Mock Pharmacy Classrooms and AI Applications: A Comprehensive Review**

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### **Abstract:**

Pharmacy education has undergone significant transformation in recent years, driven by the growing demand for practice-ready pharmacists capable of navigating the complexities of modern healthcare systems. Among the numerous innovations reshaping the field, mock pharmacy classrooms have proven to be invaluable tools for bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. These simulated environments are modelled after real-world pharmacy settings, providing students with a safe and controlled environment in which to improve their clinical reasoning, decision-making, and communication skills. Mock pharmacy classrooms provide experiential learning opportunities, which are consistent with accreditation standards that emphasize practice-based education. These classrooms incorporate case-based scenarios, role-playing, and problem-solving exercises, allowing students to work on simulated patient care tasks. The incorporation of technology into mock pharmacy classrooms represents a paradigm shift, redefining experiential learning. AI applications personalize learning by offering real-time feedback and adaptive learning paths that reflect the complexities of clinical scenarios. As pharmacy education evolves, the ethical and practical implications of integrating emerging technologies must be considered. Educational institutions that embrace these advancements will not only improve academic performance, but will also produce competent, confident pharmacists who are prepared to thrive in the changing healthcare landscape. Mock pharmacy classrooms are helping to shape the future of pharmacy education thanks to these innovations. Mock classrooms use technology and artificial intelligence to provide immersive and personalized learning experiences that reflect the complexities of pharmacy practice. Furthermore, mentorship in these settings promotes professional identity, reduces anxiety, and develops important interpersonal skills like communication and teamwork, all of which are essential in community and hospital pharmacy practice. Incorporation of mock pharmacy classrooms and experiential learning will remain indispensable in preparing students to face the challenges.

**Keywords:** Pharmacy education, Mock pharmacy classrooms, Educational institutions, Integrating emerging technologies and experiential learning.

## INTRODUCTION

Pharmacy education has undergone significant transformation in recent years, driven by the growing demand for practice-ready pharmacists capable of navigating the complexities of modern healthcare systems. Among the numerous innovations reshaping the field, mock pharmacy classrooms have proven to be invaluable tools for bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. These simulated environments are modelled after real-world pharmacy settings, providing students with a safe and controlled environment in which to improve their clinical reasoning, decision-making, and communication skills (Ahmed et al., 2023; Chen et al., 2021). As healthcare becomes more complex, mock pharmacy classrooms play an increasingly important role in improving educational outcomes.

Mock pharmacy classrooms provide experiential learning opportunities, which are consistent with accreditation standards that emphasize practice-based education (Brown et al., 2019; Smith & Jones, 2020). These classrooms incorporate case-based scenarios, role-playing, and problem-solving exercises, allowing students to work on simulated patient care tasks (Green & Hall, 2020). Green and Hall (2020) emphasize that such simulations allow students to apply their pharmacological knowledge to patient-specific scenarios, reinforcing academic concepts and preparing them for dynamic clinical roles. One significant advantage of mock pharmacy classrooms is their ability to improve critical clinical reasoning. According to Chen et al. (2021), engaging in realistic case studies enables students to analyze complex patient data, make informed decisions, and evaluate therapeutic outcomes. The incorporation of technology, such as virtual reality (VR) and artificial intelligence (AI), has further improved these experiences. VR simulations, for example, provide immersive environments that simulate clinical practice, enhancing learning and knowledge retention (Jones et al., 2020). AI tools personalize learning by providing tailored feedback and adaptive scenarios, resulting in a more customized experience (Nguyen, Pham, & Tran, 2021; Zhao et al., 2022). The incorporation of technology into mock pharmacy classrooms represents a paradigm shift, redefining experiential learning. Virtual and augmented reality provide interactive platforms for medication management, patient counseling, and interprofessional collaboration (Chen, Lee, & Zhang, 2021; Liaw, Carpio, & Chen, 2023). Chen et al. (2021) emphasizes the importance of virtual reality in improving medication management skills by increasing students' accuracy and confidence. AI applications personalize learning by offering real-time feedback and adaptive learning paths that reflect the complexities of clinical scenarios. Furthermore, mentorship and teamwork are essential components of mock pharmacy classes. Kim et al. (2021) highlights the importance of mentorship in fostering professional development, citing simulated environments as opportunities for guided practice under experienced educators. These classrooms also promote interdisciplinary collaboration,

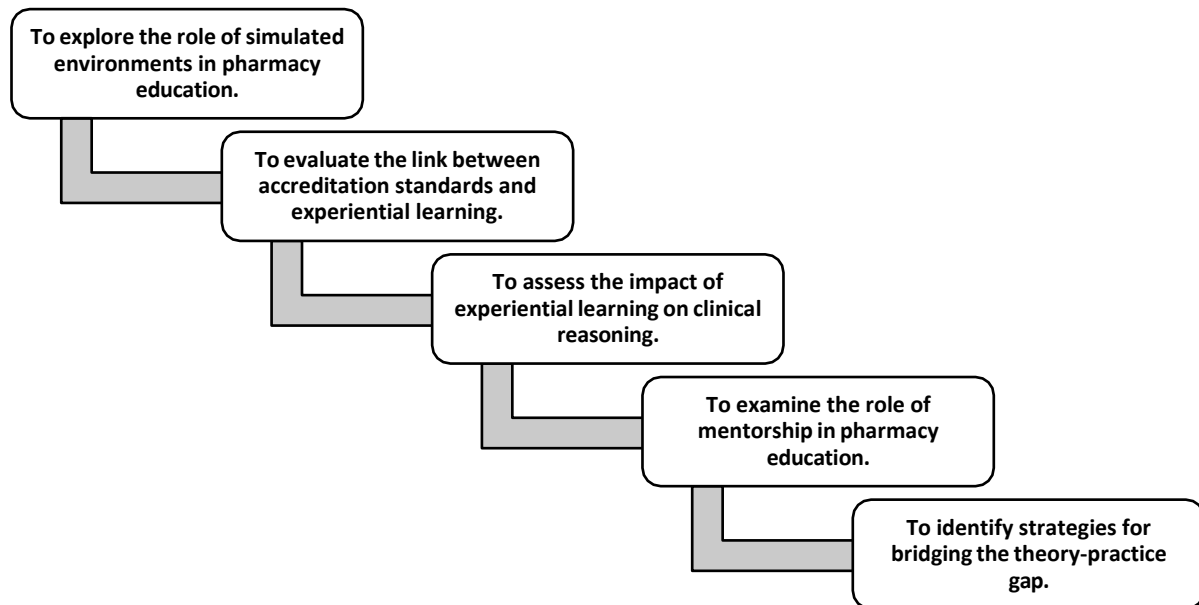
allowing students to interact with peers from other healthcare disciplines and prepare them for team-based patient care (White et al., 2018). This approach is consistent with current healthcare models, which emphasize collaborative practice to improve patient outcomes. Patient counseling is another critical area where mock pharmacy classrooms have proven useful. Patel et al. (2022) emphasizes the importance of strong communication skills in ensuring patient adherence and satisfaction. Simulated interactions allow students to practice addressing a variety of patient needs, navigating cultural nuances, and providing clear, empathetic guidance. These experiences not only boost students' confidence, but also prepare them to face the challenges of real-world patient engagement.

As pharmacy education evolves, the ethical and practical implications of integrating emerging technologies must be considered. Ethical concerns about AI, such as data privacy and algorithmic bias, have sparked debates about their equitable use in education (Singh, Gupta, & Das, 2023). Balancing technological advancements with inclusivity and fairness is essential for ensuring that all students benefit from these innovations.

This comprehensive review emphasizes the transformative power of mock pharmacy classrooms to advance pharmacy education. These simulated environments, which incorporate technology, mentorship, and interdisciplinary collaboration, teach students critical skills in clinical reasoning, patient counseling, and decision-making. Educational institutions that embrace these advancements will not only improve academic performance, but will also produce competent, confident pharmacists who are prepared to thrive in the changing healthcare landscape. Mock pharmacy classrooms are helping to shape the future of pharmacy education thanks to these innovations.

## **2. Importance of Practical Learning in Pharmacy Education**

Pharmacy education necessitates a combination of theoretical knowledge and practical skills to prepare students for real-world challenges. Practical learning is increasingly recognized as an important factor in developing competent, practice-ready pharmacists is explained through the figure 1. Simulated environments, experiential learning, and mentorship are all important components of the pharmacy education experience.



**Figure 1. Significance of Practical Learning in Pharmacy Education**

### 2.1 Role of Simulated Environments

Simulated environments have become an essential component of pharmacy education, providing students with an appropriate setting in which to apply theoretical knowledge in realistic scenarios. Ahmed et al. (2023) found that using simulation in pharmacy education improves both cognitive and clinical skills. Simulated practice allows students to experience the decision-making process in patient care, medication management, and counseling without the pressure of real-world consequences. These simulations also help students improve their communication skills, clinical reasoning, and ability to manage complex cases, preparing them for a variety of clinical settings (Ahmed et al., 2023).

### 2.2 Accreditation Standards and Experiential Learning

Accreditation standards for pharmacy education emphasize the importance of experiential learning as an essential component of the curriculum. Brown et al. (2019) emphasizes the importance of practical experiences, such as internships, rotations, and clinical placements, in developing hands-on skills and understanding the daily realities of pharmacy practice. These experiences allow students to interact with real patients and healthcare teams, which is important for their professional development. Students benefit not only from such experiences, but also from learning about the ethical and interpersonal aspects of pharmacy practice.

### 2.3 Impact on Clinical Reasoning Skills

Mock classrooms and case-based learning have been shown to improve clinical reasoning and problem-solving skills in pharmacy students. Chen et al. (2021) discovered that students exposed to mock pharmacy classrooms demonstrated significant improvements in clinical

decision-making processes. These mock scenarios encourage students to think critically and gain a better understanding of patient care, medication therapy management, and adverse drug reactions. Simulating real-life pharmacy scenarios prepares students to deal with unpredictable situations in practice and make informed decisions under pressure (Chen et al., 2021).

## **2.4 Mentorship in Pharmacy Education**

Mentorship is another important aspect of practical learning in pharmacy. Kim et al. (2021) discusses the benefits of mentorship programs in pharmacy education, which promote the development of technical and soft skills. Mentors, typically experienced pharmacists, guide students through clinical placements, providing feedback on their performance and assisting them in navigating the challenges of real-world pharmacy practice. This mentorship strengthens students' professional identities, improves their communication skills, and boosts their confidence, preparing them for future responsibilities in the healthcare field.

## **2.5 Bridging the Theory-Practice Gap**

While theoretical knowledge is essential in pharmacy education, it is only through practical application that students are truly prepared for their professional roles. Smith and Jones (2020) emphasize that bridging the theory-practice gap is critical for effective pharmacy education. Simulation-based learning, combined with clinical placements and mentorship, enables students to put their classroom knowledge into practice. This comprehensive approach ensures that they are both knowledgeable and capable of applying their knowledge in dynamic healthcare settings.

# **3. Benefits of Mock Pharmacy Classrooms in Pharmacy Education**

Mock pharmacy classrooms have become an important pedagogical tool in modern pharmacy education, allowing students to simulate real-world pharmacy practices and hone their clinical skills in a controlled setting. These simulated learning environments bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, providing numerous benefits to both students and educators.

## **3.1 Enhancing Clinical Reasoning and Decision-Making**

One of the primary benefits of mock pharmacy classrooms is that they help students improve their clinical reasoning and decision-making skills. Chen et al. (2021) discovered that incorporating case-based learning into mock classroom settings significantly improved students' ability to analyze patient scenarios, identify appropriate interventions, and manage complex medication therapy. By actively participating in these simulated cases, students improve their ability to make evidence-based decisions under pressure, which is an important skill for practicing pharmacists. Mock educational settings structured yet flexible nature creates

an environment in which students can practice making informed decisions, allowing them to internalize their theoretical learning in real-world settings.

### **3.2 Improving Patient Counselling Skills**

Another significant benefit is the improvement of patient counselling skills. Mock pharmacy classrooms frequently include role-playing scenarios in which students act as pharmacists advising patients on medication use, side effects, and proper administration techniques. Patel et al. (2022) demonstrated that this approach improves communication skills by teaching students to communicate complex medical information clearly and empathetically. Students can improve their verbal and nonverbal communication skills, develop patient-centered approaches, and gain confidence in dealing with a wide range of patient interactions by practicing in mock classrooms on multiple occasions. These abilities are critical for maintaining patient safety and promoting positive health outcomes in professional pharmacy practice.

### **3.3 Facilitating the Development of Professional Identity**

Mock pharmacy classrooms help pharmacy students develop their professional identities. According to Smith and Jones (2020), the simulated environment allows students to experience and reflect on various aspects of pharmacy practice, which aids their understanding of their roles and responsibilities as healthcare professionals. Participating in these simulations allows students to internalize the ethical, legal, and interpersonal aspects of pharmacy practice. Furthermore, such environments provide a safe space for students to confront real-world dilemmas and develop professional judgment without fear of harm, instilling a sense of responsibility and confidence necessary for successful practice.

### **3.4 Fostering Teamwork and Interdisciplinary Collaboration**

Mock classrooms give students a great opportunity to practice teamwork and interdisciplinary collaboration. In many simulations, students collaborate in groups, often with other healthcare professionals, to solve patient care problems. White et al. (2018) emphasize that this collaborative approach helps students understand their role in the healthcare team and prepares them for real-world interdisciplinary practice. By participating in team-based mock scenarios, students learn how to effectively communicate, delegate tasks, and negotiate with colleagues from different disciplines, which are essential skills in modern pharmacy practice.

### **3.5 Supporting the Transition to Practice**

Mock pharmacy classrooms serve as a link between academic instruction and real-world experience. Green and Hall (2020) argue that these simulated experiences are invaluable in preparing students for clinical placements and professional careers. Mock classrooms offer a

low-stakes environment in which students can make mistakes, receive constructive feedback, and improve their skills before facing the pressures of real-world patient care. This preparation boosts students' confidence and provides them with the practical skills required to transition smoothly into clinical practice.

### **3.6 Technological Integration and Virtual Learning**

Another critical component is the incorporation of technology into mock pharmacy classrooms. Jones et al. (2020) investigate the use of virtual reality and digital simulations in pharmacy education, concluding that these tools improve the learning experience by creating realistic and immersive scenarios. The use of technology allows students to engage with a diverse range of cases and scenarios that would not be possible in traditional classrooms, broadening their clinical experience. Furthermore, these technological tools enable repeated practice and self-directed learning, encouraging the development of critical skills at an individual pace.

## **4. Individual Student Benefits from Mock Pharmacy Classrooms**

Mock pharmacy classrooms offer numerous advantages for individual students, helping them to develop a well-rounded skill set essential for their future careers as pharmacists. These benefits encompass both cognitive and affective domains, ensuring that students not only gain the necessary technical knowledge but also acquire the interpersonal and professional skills needed in clinical practice.

### **4.1 Enhanced Clinical Reasoning and Problem-Solving Skills**

One of the primary advantages for individual students is the opportunity to improve their clinical reasoning and decision-making skills. Mock classrooms simulate real-world pharmacy scenarios, allowing students to engage in problem-solving activities such as analyzing patient data, identifying medication-related issues, and determining appropriate interventions. Active participation in clinical reasoning improves their ability to make quick and accurate decisions. According to Chen et al. (2021), students in mock pharmacy classrooms showed improvements in their ability to process complex clinical information, which is critical for patient safety and effective medication management.

### **4.2 Improved Patient Counselling and Communication Skills**

Mock pharmacy classrooms also provide an excellent opportunity for students to improve their patient counselling skills. Students practice communicating medical information, counselling on proper medication use, and addressing patient concerns by acting out scenarios. These activities help students develop their confidence and communication skills. Patel et al. (2022) discusses how these simulations help students explain complex drug regimens and potential side effects to patients in an understandable manner. Effective patient counselling is critical in

pharmacy practice because it helps patients adhere to therapy and achieve better health outcomes.

#### **4.3 Development of Professional Identity**

Mock classrooms help students develop a professional identity as pharmacists. Students can learn more about their future roles and responsibilities by immersing themselves in realistic pharmacy settings. They learn how to navigate ethical quandaries, manage patient care, and make critical decisions that reflect the values and standards of the pharmaceutical profession. According to Smith and Jones (2020), mock classrooms provide students with opportunities to practice professional behaviors and attitudes such as empathy, attention to detail, and responsibility, all of which are necessary for developing a strong professional identity.

#### **4.4 Increased Confidence and Reduced Anxiety**

One significant advantage of mock pharmacy classrooms is that they instill confidence in students. Students gain confidence in the skills and tasks they will face in real-world situations by practicing in a simulated environment. This exposure reduces anxiety and prepares them to handle the pressures of patient care more confidently. Green and Hall (2020) emphasize that students who participate in mock simulations are better prepared to face the demands of clinical practice because they have already experienced challenging scenarios in a controlled, supportive environment.

#### **4.5 Improved Time Management and Multitasking Skills**

Pharmacy practice frequently requires managing multiple tasks at the same time, such as dispensing medications, counseling patients, and collaborating with healthcare teams. Mock pharmacy classrooms simulate these scenarios, allowing students to improve their time management and multitasking skills. Students learn how to prioritize tasks, make quick decisions, and stay efficient while ensuring accuracy. These experiences prepare them to better manage the demands of real-world pharmacy practice.

#### **4.6 Better Preparation for Clinical Rotations**

Mock pharmacy classrooms are an essential training tool for clinical rotations and internships. They allow students to practice and refine skills before applying them in actual healthcare settings. According to Nuffer et al. (2020), students who have participated in mock pharmacy classrooms report a smoother transition to clinical practice because they are more familiar with the pharmacy workflow and expectations. These experiences give students the opportunity to practice making decisions, managing patient interactions, and navigating clinical scenarios with confidence and competence.



## 4.7 Self-Reflection and Continuous Improvement

Mock classroom settings provide students with an opportunity to reflect on themselves. After each simulation, students usually receive feedback from instructors and peers, which is extremely useful for identifying areas for improvement. This feedback loop promotes a mindset of continuous learning and self-improvement, which is essential in a profession that requires lifelong learning. Students learn to critically evaluate their performance and use feedback to improve their abilities for future scenarios.

## 5. Key Components of Mock Pharmacy Classrooms

Mock pharmacy classrooms help bridge the gap between theory and practice by preparing students for real-world pharmacy roles. Several key components of these environments help students prepare for community and hospital pharmacy responsibilities.

**5.1 Medication Management:** Effective medication management is one of the most important skills for pharmacy students to develop. Mock pharmacy classrooms simulate tasks such as reviewing prescriptions, evaluating drug interactions, and optimizing treatment plans. These exercises help to improve clinical reasoning and decision-making abilities, which are required in real-world pharmacy practice (Chen et al., 2021). Students develop confidence and competence in managing complex medication regimens in a safe, controlled environment.

**5.2 Patient Counselling:** Effective patient counselling is essential for maintaining medication adherence and improving therapeutic outcomes. Mock settings allow students to practice communication strategies, address patient concerns, and provide medication education. According to research, students who practice mock patient counselling scenarios perform better in clinical settings (Patel et al., 2022). These simulated environments facilitate the transition from theoretical knowledge to practical, patient-centered care, which is highly valued in both community and hospital pharmacies (Schön, 1987).

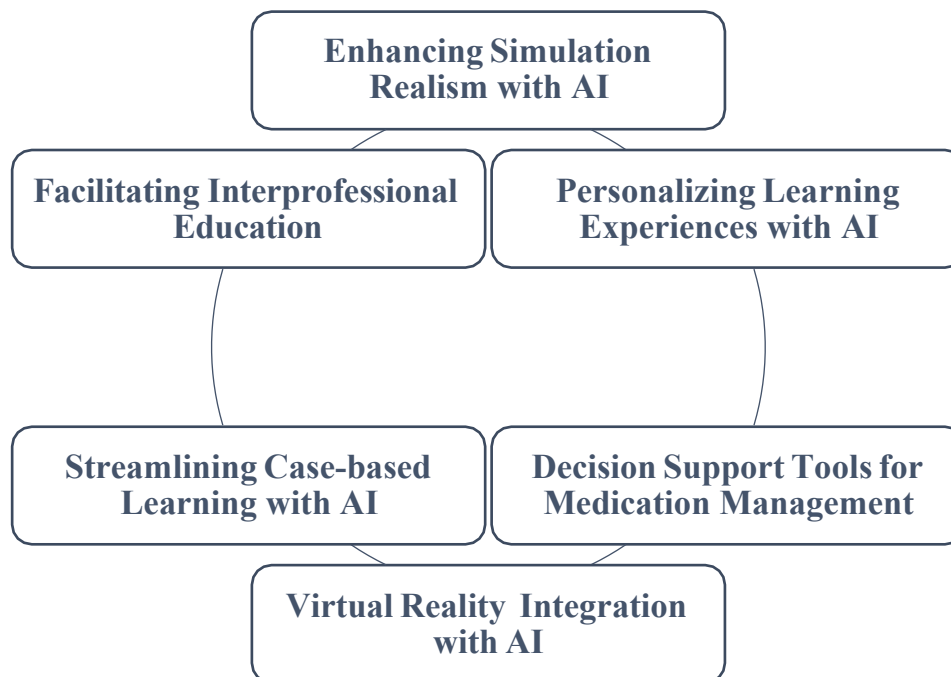
**5.3 Case Based Learning:** Case-based learning uses complex patient scenarios to improve problem-solving and interdisciplinary decision-making abilities. These cases represent the real-world decision-making processes that pharmacists face in clinical practice (Green & Hall, 2020). Mock pharmacy classrooms encourage teamwork and collaboration, ensuring that students develop both clinical and leadership skills required.

**5.4 Community Health Initiatives:** Community pharmacists are critical to public health, particularly in areas such as health promotion and preventive care. Students can gain a better understanding of population health management by participating in simulated health initiatives such as vaccination drives and health screenings (Ahmed et al., 2023). These experiences prepare students to play active roles in public health and preventive care, as outlined in government guidelines for community pharmacy practice.

**5.5 Hospital Pharmacy Roles and Responsibilities:** Mock pharmacy classrooms also simulate the hospital pharmacist's responsibilities, such as clinical rounds, medication reviews, and decision-making support. These simulations allow students to practice managing complex medication therapies and working with interdisciplinary healthcare teams (Brown et al. 2019). This training prepares students for real-world hospital settings where their clinical knowledge and communication skills are essential to patient care.

## 6. AI-Enhanced Applications in Mock Pharmacy Classrooms

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into mock pharmacy classrooms has brought significant advancements in pharmaceutical education, creating hyper-realistic simulations and personalized learning experiences. AI applications, ranging from virtual patients to decision support tools, offer a multifaceted approach that is depicted in the figure 2, are meant to develop critical pharmacy skills.



**Figure 2. Benefits of AI-Enhanced Applications in Mock Pharmacy Classrooms**

### 6.1 Enhancing Simulation Realism with AI

AI-driven tools have transformed the way mock pharmacy classrooms simulate real-world scenarios. Virtual patients, powered by AI, can mimic dynamic behaviors, such as changing symptoms or responses to medications, creating an interactive and unpredictable learning environment. These AI systems allow students to engage in problem-solving exercises that mirror real clinical situations, enhancing the realism of the training. Nguyen et al. (2021) emphasized that AI-driven simulations can replicate patient interactions, making students more prepared for clinical decision-making and patient care.

## 6.2 Personalizing Learning Experiences with AI

One of the most significant advantages of AI in mock pharmacy classrooms is its ability to personalize learning experiences. AI algorithms analyze students' performance metrics and adapt the content accordingly. This enables tailored feedback and adjusts instructional material to meet each student's learning needs. Li et al. (2023) found that AI-powered analytics helped students improve their understanding of complex concepts, such as pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, by providing personalized content. This adaptive learning approach ensures students grasp foundational knowledge while progressing at their own pace, fostering deeper comprehension and skill development.

AI-powered decision support tools are critical for simulating real-world medication management tasks like detecting drug interactions, determining contraindications, and recommending therapeutic regimens. These systems give students hands-on experience with the technologies they will use in their careers. Zhao et al. (2022) found that AI-driven decision support systems improve students' clinical decision-making skills by simulating real-world pharmacy software. Interacting with these tools gives students hands-on experience assessing and managing complex medication regimens, which better prepares them for clinical practice.

## 6.4 VR Integration with AI

AI-enhanced Virtual Reality (VR) applications accelerate learning by immersing students in virtual pharmacies, allowing them to interact with AI-generated patients and perform medication dispensing tasks. Chen et al. (2022) demonstrated that VR-based training significantly increased students' spatial awareness and workflow efficiency, both of which are critical skills for pharmacy operations. The combination of AI and VR creates a highly interactive, hands-on learning experience that improves student engagement and skill acquisition.

## 6.5 Improving Case-Based Learning with AI

AI is essential for creating complex case studies that simulate a wide range of patient scenarios. Machine learning algorithms can generate realistic patient profiles, allowing students to interact with a variety of medical conditions. According to Thakur et al. (2023), artificial intelligence simplifies case study development and provides real-time updates based on students' decisions, fostering adaptive learning. This dynamic approach encourages students to continuously refine their clinical reasoning and problem-solving skills.

## 6.6 Facilitating Interprofessional Education

AI-driven platforms also facilitate interprofessional education by enabling collaborative learning among students from various healthcare disciplines. Virtual simulations guided by AI can bring pharmacy students together with nursing, medical, and allied health students to work on case studies or patient scenarios. According to Morgan et al. (2022), these interprofessional learning experiences are essential for preparing students to work as part of a healthcare team. By practicing communication and coordination with other healthcare professionals in a simulated environment, students develop essential skills for interdisciplinary healthcare delivery.

## 7. Ethical Considerations and Challenges

While AI applications in mock pharmacy classrooms offer numerous benefits, ethical concerns must be addressed. Issues such as data privacy, algorithmic bias, and the potential for unequal access to AI resources need to be considered (Singh et al., 2023). Moreover, the integration of AI presents technical challenges, such as high initial costs and the need for faculty training (Zhao et al., 2022). Institutions must invest in capacity-building initiatives to overcome these barriers and ensure equitable access to AI-enhanced educational tools.

## 8. Future Directions

The future of mock pharmacy classrooms looks bright, with AI technologies expected to improve the realism of simulations. Natural language processing (NLP) can help virtual patients have more nuanced, realistic conversations, whereas generative AI can create even more diverse and complex case scenarios (Nguyen et al., 2021). Additionally, increasing interprofessional education through AI-enhanced simulations will remain a priority, preparing students for collaborative practice in healthcare settings (White et al., 2018). Continuous research is also required to determine the long-term impact of these technologies on student outcomes and professional practice (Kim et al., 2021).

## 9. Role of Clinical Pharmacist Academicians in Mock Pharmacy Classrooms

Clinical pharmacist academicians play a pivotal role in enhancing the educational quality of mock pharmacy classrooms. Their expertise and real-world experience which is shown in figure 3, contribute significantly to developing students' skills in medication management, professional growth, and collaborative healthcare practices.

### 9.1 Expertise in Medication Therapy Management

Clinical pharmacist academicians have a thorough understanding of medication therapy management (MTM), a critical component of patient care. Their real-world experience is critical for providing students with detailed insights into MTM practices such as medication reconciliation, therapeutic regimen optimization, and adverse drug reaction monitoring. According to study findings, students who learn from clinical pharmacists are better prepared to identify drug-related problems and recommend appropriate interventions (Jones et al., 2020). Furthermore, clinical pharmacists bring current, evidence-based knowledge of drug interactions, emerging therapies, and pharmacogenomics, allowing students to stay up to date on developments in the field. Mock pharmacy classrooms led by these experts simulate realistic patient interactions and medication management scenarios, better preparing students for the complexities that will arise in clinical settings.

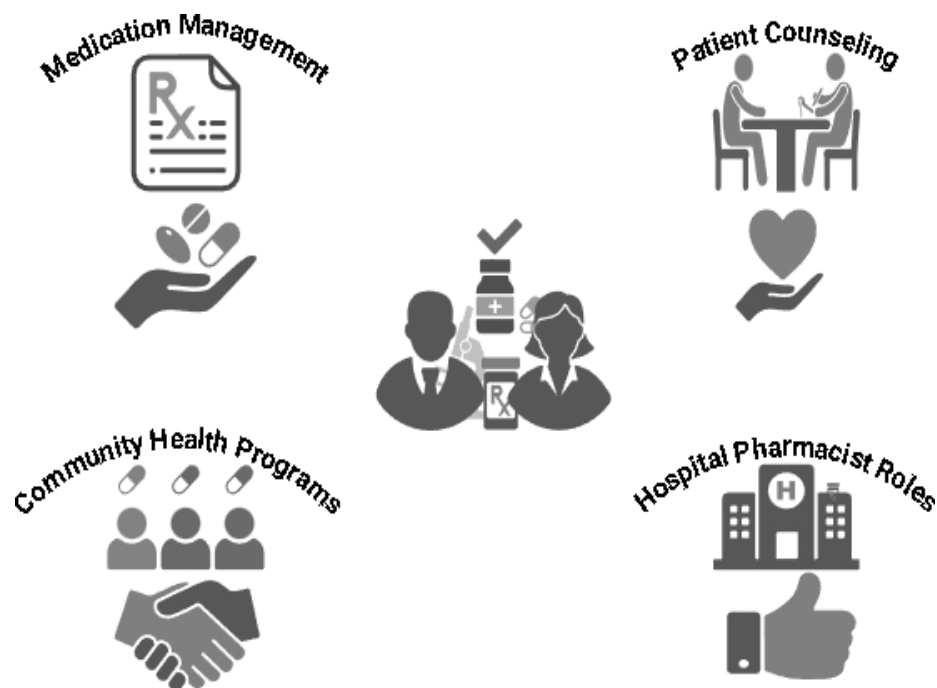


Figure 3. Expertise of Clinical Pharmacist Academicians

### 9.2 Mentorship and Professional Development

One of the most significant contributions clinical pharmacist academicians offers is mentorship. Research has demonstrated that students under the mentorship of experienced pharmacists exhibit enhanced critical thinking, decision-making skills, and professional behavior (Kim et al., 2021). Clinical pharmacist academicians guide students not only in technical skills but also in cultivating ethical judgment and professionalism. This mentorship is critical, as students often face real-world dilemmas that require them to balance clinical guidelines with patient preferences and limitations. Clinical pharmacists, with their deep

knowledge of patient care, provide personalized guidance, helping students refine their decision-making processes and navigate the ethical complexities inherent in pharmacy practice.

### **9.3 Facilitating Interdisciplinary Collaboration**

Healthcare delivery is becoming more interdisciplinary, with pharmacies playing an important role in collaborative care teams. Clinical pharmacist academicians are uniquely qualified to facilitate this interdisciplinary approach in mock pharmacy classrooms. They prepare students to interact effectively with physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals through collaborative exercises, which is an important component of modern healthcare systems (White et al., 2018). These collaborative simulations, led by clinical pharmacists, promote communication skills, teamwork, and an understanding of each healthcare provider's role in patient care. Furthermore, clinical pharmacists instill the value of shared decision-making and patient-centered care, ensuring that students learn how to contribute to and lead healthcare teams successfully.

### **9.4 The Necessity of Experienced Clinical Pharmacists in Mock Pharmacy Classrooms**

The participation of clinical pharmacist academicians in mock pharmacy classrooms is critical for providing high-quality education that is relevant to real-world pharmacy practice. Their extensive knowledge of medication therapy management, commitment to mentoring, and ability to facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration provide students with unique learning experiences that are extremely beneficial. These educators not only teach technical knowledge, but also instill professional behaviors and ethical frameworks, ensuring that students are well-prepared for the challenges that await them as practicing pharmacists.

## **CONCLUSION**

Mock pharmacy classrooms play an important role in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world practice, resulting in competent and confident pharmacists. These simulated environments improve clinical reasoning, patient counseling, and decision-making abilities, providing students with the practical tools required for success in today's healthcare settings. Mock classrooms use technology and artificial intelligence to provide immersive and personalized learning experiences that reflect the complexities of pharmacy practice. Furthermore, mentorship in these settings promotes professional identity, reduces anxiety, and develops important interpersonal skills like communication and teamwork, all of which are essential in community and hospital pharmacy practice. As pharmacy curricula evolve, the

incorporation of mock pharmacy classrooms and experiential learning will remain indispensable in preparing students to face the challenges.

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