

CAS “Pharmaceuticals – From Research to Market”

Guide to create module reports

Goal

The module reports are the basis and precondition for creating the essay, the thesis of the CAS "Pharmaceuticals - From Research to Market". They are a summary for the students with their personally set priorities of reflection for each module.

Form and extent

Each module report has the length of 1-2 A4 pages and is written in either English or German as scrolling text. It contains all the necessary references to the presentations or other course contents (presentation title, name of the speaker, date).

Content

Students record their most relevant course contents that may have a relation to their personal professional background. They note “lessons learned”, ideas for implementing the course contents, maybe a decision against implementing course contents (as it is about critical thinking), improvements for the daily work and personal conclusions.

Choice of topics

Each student makes his own pick of topics according to a personal quintessence of the module. The most important contents are recorded for future implementation and to trace “professional growth”. As many examples as possible illustrate the text.

In case there is no connection between a student's daily work and the course contents it is also possible to choose a few important contents and make a summary. However, also in this case students should try to reflect about the content according to the following key questions.

Key questions that give structure to the text:

- Why did I choose this course element (presentation, workshop, plant visit)?
- What did I learn? Which competencies did I newly acquire?
- How can I connect the newly learned contents with my previous knowledge?
- How do the new contents influence my professional daily work? Are there any ideas for improvement? Reasons why NOT to implement new contents? What conclusions may I make out of the newly acquired knowledge?
- Are there any knowledge gaps that could demand further investigation by my side as e.g. literature, questions to speaker, courses?

Submission

Students should send the module reports to postgraduate@pharma.ethz.ch.

The reports are due until four weeks after the course module ended.

The submission of all module reports is a prerequisite to write and submit the final essay.

Feedback

The study management collects the module reports and gives each student a detailed feedback for his first report. Afterwards only the receipt of the report is confirmed.