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What are considerable elements for pharmacy students when they choose their career. One of the elements is “opportunity for personal development” for many students in our study. In comparison with overseas reports that pharmacy students think much of “salary”, that result of Japanese counterparts indicates a different attitude. Practical training curricula in “community pharmacy training”, “hospital pharmacy training”, and “internship (industry)” affected career preferences intensely. An affirmative experience with training sites was supposed to be the key factor for students in a US study, and the importance of practical training is acknowledged in both Japan and the United States. On the contrary, necessity of subjects related to pharmaceutical industry based on student’s career choices from UK and Saudi Arabia is reported.

One of the strong affected factors for final career decision is “own interests”, and also effect by “recruiter” can’t be ignored in final career sectors among “community pharmacy”, “hospital pharmacy” and “industry”. Satisfaction regarding the job search results and the final career decision is assorted among the occupations.

As proposal, it would be emphasized that to offer “opportunity for personal development” by employers or managements is very important for pharmacy students as future employees and to arrange various career-related curricula for students’ individual career preferences by academia is necessity, which pharmacy graduates could contribute in healthcare sector extensively.