

Spotlight Message



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Specialty:

- Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy
- Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist, Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, St. Charles, Missouri

Role:

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy

- Course Coordinator, Health Literacy and Promotion Course
- Provide didactic lectures on various pharmacotherapy topics
- PharmD student preceptor for Ambulatory Care Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences
- Serve on Faculty Development Committee, Awards and Scholarships Committee, Teaching Excellence Award Committee

Volunteers in Medicine Clinic

- Provide cardiovascular risk management services to indigent patients
- Provide outpatient diabetes education and medication management

How They Got There:

While in pharmacy school one of my professors, who was also my mentor, was very influential in my decision to pursue a career in academia. She had a clinical site at an ambulatory care clinic that primarily served indigent, minority patients with chronic conditions. I loved interacting and talking with these patients and educating them on their health. Many chronic conditions treated in the ambulatory care setting are prevalent in minority populations, and one of my passions is to serve the underserved and help decrease health disparities among minorities. I also enjoyed opportunities I had to teach other healthcare professionals and students during my final year in pharmacy school. I chose to interview at a residency that had a strong ambulatory care program and also a strong teaching component to help prepare me best for a career in academia. With academia I get the best of both worlds, educating patients and educating future pharmacists all in one job.

Other Professional Activities:

- ASHP New Practitioner Forum – Membership Outreach Advisory Group
- ASHP Poster Abstract Reviewer
- American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy- Faculty Delegate Alternate, Pharmacy Practice Section
- American Association of Diabetes Educators-Professional Development Committee, Peer Literature Reviewer
- American College of Clinical Pharmacists – Ambulatory Care Practice Resource Network
- Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists- Continuing Education Advisory Group, Meeting Planning Committee

Advanced Training:

- PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency with Emphasis in Ambulatory Care at University of Illinois Chicago
- Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist
- APhA Certified Pharmacy-based Immunization Trainer

Advice:

Seek consistent feedback to aid in continuous professional and personal growth. Always have at least one mentor no matter where you are in your career path.