New Assistant Dean Hired to Develop 2+2 Program in Savannah

Ray Maddox (B.S. ’72) has been named assistant dean at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and clinical professor in the College’s Department of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy. As assistant dean, Maddox will oversee the development of the College’s new Southeast Georgia campus in Savannah. Maddox has been the director of clinical pharmacy, research and pulmonary medicine at St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System in Savannah since 2002.

Currently students take courses in Athens for the first two years of pharmacy school and finish their degree requirements with two years of training in one of three geographic areas—either by remaining in Athens, or going to satellite campuses in Augusta or Albany. Savannah would become the third satellite location for the College’s 2+2 program.

Students make their site selections at the time of admission to pharmacy school, assured of guaranteed placement in the same area for their third and fourth years of pharmacy practice experiences.

One advantage for students is the ability to plan their housing needs in advance for the final two years of pharmacy school. In addition the 2+2 program decentralizes students in their third year giving them more and easier access to patients, more individual time with faculty, and more interactions with other health profession students.

“Since Dr. Maddox has been affiliated with other academic institutions, he is the perfect person to meld the didactic curriculum with the clinical training of our students in Savannah,” said George Francisco, the College’s associate dean for academic affairs.

Maddox has directed several clinical pharmacy programs at St. Joseph’s and Candler hospitals since 1995, including Director of Clinical Pharmacy Services and Research from 1997 to 2002. In addition he was Chair and Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Sciences at Idaho State University (1987-1993) and Director the Drug Information Services at Idaho State University from 1991-93. Prior to this he was the Director of Pharmaceutical Services at Emory University Hospital from 1984-87.

Maddox earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree in conjunction with a clinical pharmacy residency at University of Kentucky in 1977, following a hospital pharmacy residency at the Medical University of South Carolina in 1973 and a B.S. in pharmacy at UGA in 1972.