Pharmacy and Family and Consumer Sciences President’s 2014 Hiring Initiative Announcement

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The University of Georgia Colleges of Pharmacy and Family and Consumer Sciences are pleased to announce Presidential funding for the creation of a new interdisciplinary faculty position between the two colleges that will focus on education and delivery of care that improves patient outcomes and wellness of Georgians.

The shared position is instrumental in addressing new educational and practice demands for pharmacists and dietitians, who are expected to work more closely together upon graduation to deliver interdisciplinary care in hospital and community settings. Proper medications, diet and nutrition are critical in preventing diseases and treating many of the conditions facing Georgians and the nation, including heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke and obesity. Creation of this interdisciplinary faculty position will catalyze state-of-the-art instruction and research between the colleges so our graduates are well prepared and trained to make a significant difference in the health and wellness of individuals.

It is anticipated that the hiring of the new interdisciplinary faculty member will be completed by the fall of next year by the Department of Foods and Nutrition and the Department of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy. To address the major curricular and accreditation challenges facing the College of Pharmacy and the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, the new faculty hire will allow the creation of a new interdisciplinary Master's degree program with an emphasis in either Foods and Nutrition or Pharmacy as well as expand required interprofessional education in the Doctor of Pharmacy Program.

Based on the strengths and expertise that exist in both colleges, it is expected that the new hire will have the depth of mentors and collaborators to successfully build an independently funded, national recognized program of research and education in pharmacy and nutrition.

This new position is mission critical to both Family and Consumer Sciences and Pharmacy and was made possible by key support provided by the President’s 2014 Hiring Initiative.