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Students Begin New Degree Program

Fifteen students registered for the initial course offerings in the new Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences curriculum at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. The new degree program is among only 18 such programs in the country and only the second in the Southeast.

“This bachelor level program, as well as others across the country, responds to the growing need for highly skilled life sciences professionals to support research, development and manufacturing operations in the pharmaceutical industry,” said Michael Bartlett, professor of pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences and director of the new degree program.

The field of life sciences, which includes the pharmaceutical industry, ranks as the fifth largest employer in the state of Georgia and is the fastest growing segment, at a rate of more than 20 percent per year, added Bartlett, noting that supplying a trained workforce is critical to the continued success of the industry in this region.