

In the Spotlight

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Rite Aid Professor named ASHP Fellow

Beth Phillips of the University of Georgia's College of Pharmacy has been named a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. The 2016 Fellows were honored last week during the ASHP Summer Meetings and Exhibition in Baltimore.

Phillips, a clinical professor at the College of Pharmacy, became the first Rite Aid Professor in Community Pharmacy in 2013. The College's newest professorship fosters excellence in community pharmacy practice in the clinical or tenure track.

Phillips, who joined the faculty in 2007, is director of the College's PGY2 ambulatory care residency program and preceptor for the PGY1 community practice residency program for the College. Over her 20-year career she has developed two other residency programs and has trained more than 60 PGY1 and PGY2 residents. The collaboration between UGA and community sites within Athens provides a distinctive training environment for pharmacy students and residents by combining clinical practice with the development of teaching skills.



Phillips also teaches didactic, laboratory and experiential courses in community and ambulatory care in the Doctor of Pharmacy and the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Pharmacy programs. She was named Teacher of the Year in 2012 and mentors students in scholarship of practice and teaching. These students present their scholarship at state and national pharmacy meetings, with many of them publishing their studies in the pharmacy literature.

Phillips is active on the national level promoting community/ambulatory pharmacy practice and residency training programs. She served on the Specialty Council for Ambulatory Care Pharmacy within the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS), the organization which grants, promotes, and oversees board certification for pharmacy specialties. During her tenure, she participated in the initial development of the board certification process for ambulatory care pharmacy, including eligibility, examination construction and the re-certification process.

She is also past chair of the Commission on Credentialing, the policy making and accrediting body for pharmacy residency training programs in the U.S. and abroad within the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP). The group is currently actively updating and revising the Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2) Goals and Objectives. In 2010, Phillips was named Residency Preceptor of the Year by the ASHP.

The ASHP Practitioner Recognition Program rewards excellence in pharmacy practice by granting recognition through the FASHP designation. Members who have achieved FASHP status have successfully demonstrated sustained commitment or contributions to excellence in pharmacy practice for at least 10 years, contributed to the total body of knowledge in the field, demonstrated involvement and leadership in ASHP, and have been involved in and committed to educating practitioners and others. The program has recognized 875 Fellows since it began in 1988.

ASHP represents pharmacists who serve as patient care providers in acute and ambulatory settings. The organization's more than 43,000 members include pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians. For more information, visit ASHP's website, www.ashp.org, or its consumer website, www.SafeMedication.com.