

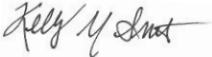


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TO: College of Pharmacy Faculty and Staff

FROM: Kelly M. Smith, Dean 

RE: Appointment of Assistant Dean for Professional Education

DATE: March 20, 2025

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Andrew Darley, Pharm.D., M.Ed., BCPS as the Assistant Dean for Professional Education.

Dr. Darley has served as the Director of Professional Education since May 2021. In his newly elevated role, he will have authority and expanded administrative effort as the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program's Chief Curricular Officer and official Academic Program Coordinator. He will also continue to serve on the Dean's Senior Leadership Team. Chief amongst his initial charges as Assistant Dean will be to initiate a revision of the PharmD program's curriculum.

Development and leadership of PharmD curriculum philosophy, pedagogy, and management represent the primary domains of this position. Operational elements (e.g., admissions and matriculation, student advising, course scheduling, classroom scheduling, academic calendar planning, student progression monitoring, student success, career development) of the Pharm.D. program will continue to be supported through the Office of Student Affairs.

Dr. Darley joined the College of Pharmacy in 2014 as a Public Service Assistant faculty member and was promoted to Public Service Associate in 2020. During his tenure as Director of Professional Education, he enhanced the program's processes, efficiency, and collaboration, including developing a new curriculum review process, managing ongoing reviews, establishing an advisory group, and implementing a new progression and remediation policy. He is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Education (EdD) degree program at the UGA McBee Institute of Higher Education, focusing on administrative perspectives on best practices in pharmacy curriculum leadership.

The numerous advances he has led in our PharmD program, his advanced training in higher education, and his commitment to service and willingness to accept additional responsibility for the greater good of the college and university all make Dr. Andrew Darley exquisitely positioned to lead our signature degree program to even greater heights.

Please join me in sharing congratulations and best wishes with Dr. Darley on this administrative promotion.