

South Carolina College of Pharmacy
Blueprint for Academic Excellence-First Draft
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I. A. Vision, Mission and Goals
Executive Summary

The South Carolina College of Pharmacy was formed to integrate the Colleges of Pharmacy at the University of South Carolina (USC) and the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) by approval of both Universities' Boards of Trustees in 2004. Integration promotes the most effective use of state resources to advance pharmacy education and provide for the pharmaceutical care needs of South Carolina.

Dr. Joseph DiPiro is the Executive Dean of the SCCP and serves as the chief executive, academic, and financial officer of the College and reports to the Provost of MUSC and the Vice President for Research and Health Sciences of USC. An organizational structure has been created for the SCCP including campus deans, associate deans, assistant deans, and department chairs. Dr. Arnold Karig, is the SCCP Campus Dean on the MUSC campus. Dr. Randy Rowen is the Interim SCCP Campus Dean for the USC campus.

Committees have been established to review, design, and implement key components of the SCCP. Currently, the Curriculum, Admissions, Faculty Governance, and Student Policy committees have been formed with faculty from both campuses. They have begun creating policies and procedures for the SCCP. Policies for Admissions, Curriculum, and Student Policies have been finalized and approved by the SCCP faculty. They are reviewed annually.

In December 2005 the South Carolina College of Pharmacy adopted the vision statement for the College. ***“Improving Health through Leadership and Innovation in Pharmacy Education, Research, and Patient Care.”***

The SCCP is an education and research enterprise that makes the best use of state resources, student tuition, grant funds, and endowment funds to:

- Produce pharmacists at an advanced level of practice to serve the health needs of South Carolina citizens related to drug therapy.
- Apply and develop expertise in economics, epidemiology, and health outcomes assessment to guide population-level drug policy at local, state, and federal levels to make the best decisions regarding medications.
- Conduct basic research in the pharmaceutical sciences, population-based research in pharmacoepidemiology and pharmacoconomics, and clinical research.

Explanation of how *Mission* and *Vision* are linked. Short assessment of where unit stands with respect to achieving the *Mission*.

The vision speaks to the three components of an academic health science college – education, research, and patient care. Society has need and expectations for pharmacy professionals and for pharmaceutical care. This need dictates that the primary mission of the College be the instruction of pharmacy students. The College is compelled to produce excellent pharmacists for society. We recognize a profession must innovate and experiment to advance. There is a need to continually improve health care and this is achieved through research, discovering new medicines, understanding diseases, and creating new models of health care. Finally, the health professions have their foundation in service to society. A health science College must provide service to maintain relevance and provide the best training environment for students.

Long-term goals for the South Carolina College of Pharmacy

1) Education

- a. Provide the highest quality professional pharmacy education by instilling requisite knowledge, competencies and values in graduates of the Doctor of Pharmacy program
- b. Offer graduate level research training programs comparable to Top-10 pharmacy schools to provide a variety of disciplines leading to a Ph.D.
- c. Offer residency and postdoctoral training programs that are recognized among the best in the country.
- d. Attract and enroll highly qualified, motivated students from diverse backgrounds in the College's education program

2) Research

- a. Increase the level of external research funding and the number of externally funded researchers to become a Top-10 health science research center pharmacy school.
- b. Become recognized as a leader in discovering molecular basis of disease, in the understanding of the actions of pharmaceutical agents, in developing new therapeutic agents, and in developing new vehicles for delivering drugs.
- c. Become recognized nationally for pharmacoepidemiology, pharmacoconomics, pharmacotherapeutics research, and research advancing the role of pharmacists in health care.

3) Outreach

- a. Communicate effectively with alumni and the general public regarding college goals, programs, and events
- b. Develop donor and alumni programs to encourage external support of education, research, and academic programs.