



Blueprint for Academic Excellence
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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 research and provide for the pharmaceutical care needs of South Carolina.

The South Carolina College of Pharmacy vision statement is: ***“Improving Health through Leadership and Innovation in Pharmacy Education, Research, and Patient Care.”*** This year the College has been defining an aspiration vision to achieve quality of programs comparable to “Top-10” colleges of pharmacy.

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

1. Educate pharmacy students to become leaders in meeting the pharmacy care needs of our citizens and the public we serve.
2. Conduct exceptional and innovative research to improve health care by discovering the molecular basis of disease, understanding the actions of drugs, developing new drugs, and, guiding population-level drug policy, and enhancing pharmacy education.
3. Provide pharmacy services that serve as models to advance the practice of pharmacy and improving health care.
4. Serve the life-long learning needs of practicing pharmacists through excellence in continuing education.
5. Educate future professional, academic, and research leaders through the highest quality graduate, residency, and fellowship programs

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 needs 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 that a profession must innovate and experiment to advance and improve. 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. Achieve graduate level research training programs leading to a PhD.that are qualitatively and quantitatively comparable to Top-10 pharmacy schools
- 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 programs.
- e. Achieve greater than 90% satisfaction with the doctor of pharmacy program by students, faculty, alumni, and employers.

2. Research

- a. Increase the level of external research funding and the number of externally funded researchers to be among the Top-10 colleges of pharmacy in total research funding.
- b. Become recognized as a leader in discovering the 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. Improve the practice of pharmacy and pharmaceutical care in community, health-system, and other settings in South Carolina.
- b. Communicate effectively with alumni and the general public regarding pharmaceutical issues, college goals, programs, and events
- c. Develop donor and alumni programs to increase external support of education, research, and academic programs.
- d. Increase interaction with and support of state pharmacy organizations.