

# SEARCH PROFILE:

THE GARY AND SHARON VAN RIPER ENDOWED  
FACULTY IN PHARMACY PRACTICE INNOVATION



**SOUTH DAKOTA  
STATE UNIVERSITY**

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## SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

South Dakota State University (SDSU) is the state's largest, most comprehensive university with more than 200 academic programs, an enrollment of approximately 12,000 students, and over \$60 million annual research expenditures. As the state's 1862 Morrill Act land-grant institution, the work of the university is carried out on its main resident campus in Brookings, at sites in Sioux Falls, Pierre, Rapid City, and Aberdeen, and through Extension offices and Agricultural Experiment Station research sites across South Dakota.

SDSU offers a rich academic experience in an environment of inclusion and access through inspired, student-centered education, creative activities and research, innovation and engagement that improve the quality of life in South Dakota, the region, the nation and the world. Its employees embrace the university's core values of being people-centered, expanding knowledge through creativity, embracing

### MISSION STATEMENT

As a land-grant university, South Dakota State University's mission is to serve the state of South Dakota by providing access to the benefits of higher education for all people. SDSU strives to better serve South Dakota's American Indian population. In order to achieve this goal, SDSU established the Wokini Initiative. In Lakota, the word "wokini" translates to "new life" or "a new beginning" and the Wokini Initiative is a new beginning for SDSU. The focus of the Initiative is to increase the number of American Indian students, provide support towards academic and personal needs and boost American Indian graduation rates.

organizational and personal integrity, commitment to diversity of thought, and excellence through continuous improvement.

## STRATEGIC PLAN

South Dakota State University recently embarked upon the [Pathway to Premier 2030](#) university strategic plan. The College of Pharmacy and Allied Health

Professions is currently working on a new college strategic plan, which will be done in Spring 2024.

## ACCREDITATION

South Dakota State University has been accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) since 1916 and underwent its most recent reaffirmation of accreditation in 2019-2020. On November 4-5, 2019, SDSU hosted the HLC Peer Review Team

for the onsite visit as part of the Open Pathway comprehensive review process. As a result of this review, SDSU was granted the full, ten-year reaccreditation with the next reaffirmation of accreditation in 2029-2030.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

South Dakota State University is comprised of a total of 8 colleges and a graduate school. More information about each can be found per the following links:

- [College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences](#)
- [College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences](#)
- [College of Education & Human Sciences](#)
- [College of Natural Sciences](#)
- [College of Nursing](#)
- [College of Pharmacy & Allied Health Professions](#)
- [Van D. & Barbara B. Fishback Honors College](#)
- [Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering](#)
- [Graduate School](#)





## THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

The South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions (COPAHP) is nationally recognized for excellence in preparing students to provide high quality patient-centered care.

Research teams led by COPAHP faculty are making progress on projects that can enhance the health and well-being of people around the world. The college's growing research portfolio includes population health research focusing on community based projects in the area of chronic care prevention and management, access to care and outcomes research, substance use disorder, vaccine technology and inter-professional collaborative care, cancer treatment, and unique drug delivery systems.

The College offers seven degree programs: the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.), the Ph.D. and M.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Master of Public Health (MPH), the B.S. in Medical Laboratory Science and the A.S. and B.S. in Respiratory Care. In addition, the College offers an undergraduate certificate in phlebotomy and a graduate certificate in public health. The main office for the College is located in the Avera Health and Science Center on the SDSU campus in Brookings; the third year of the Pharm.D. curriculum is delivered in Sioux Falls, and experiential education is conducted across and outside of South Dakota, with Faculty embedded in clinical care in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Brookings, and Watertown.

South Dakota has 3 primary health systems. Sanford Health, one of the largest health systems in the US is headquartered in Sioux Falls, with locations in 26 states and 10 countries. Avera Health is a mid-sized health system with locations across the upper Midwest. Monument Health, headquartered in Rapid City, is a community-based health care system serving patients across Western South Dakota and Wyoming. Faculty in the College have strong partnerships with these healthcare systems, and many have joint appointments. Classrooms, faculty offices, and clinical sites are also held at Monument, Sanford, and Avera Health systems giving students first-hand practice experience working alongside real-world practitioners. Practice-based research is encouraged, and graduate students work collaboratively with faculty and students from other disciplines on research projects.

### **BENEFITS:**

South Dakota State University offers a wide range of benefits including medical, dental, and flexible benefits, retirement plans, compensation packages, paid holidays, and vacation leave. Employees also have access to internal and state-sponsored training as well as reduced tuition for state-supported courses at all State of South Dakota academic institutions.



## DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY PRACTICE

The Department of Pharmacy Practice builds on the fundamentals of pharmaceutical sciences so that students gain the knowledge and expertise to become skilled pharmacy practitioners once they complete the Pharm.D. degree program. The department provides instruction for some of the courses leading up to the B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree and is responsible for the majority of the curriculum

in the last two years of the professional program (P3 and P4) leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree. The department's faculty also precept students on Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs) and provide pharmacy services at community pharmacies, clinics and health systems throughout the state.



## THE OPPORTUNITY

### **THE GARY AND SHARON VAN RIPER ENDOWED FACULTY IN PHARMACY PRACTICE AND INNOVATION**

South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy is seeking applications for a 12-month, full-time, benefits-eligible, tenure or non-tenure track, Endowed Faculty (Assistant/Associate/Full) Position in the Department of Pharmacy Practice.

This named position of **Endowed Faculty in Pharmacy Practice Innovation** (the Gary and Sharon Van Riper Endowed Faculty of Pharmacy Practice and Innovation) is an exciting new collaboration with a well-established health partner, Avera McKennan, located in Sioux Falls, SD. Unique from a traditional clinical faculty position, this new position will focus on system-level quality initiatives that directly impact patient care related to care transitions. The position will be actively engaged with pharmacy and health-systems leadership at Avera McKennan and is supervised by the Department Head of Pharmacy Practice.

The start date for this position is flexible but anticipated to be on or before July 2024.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Advances in practice are driven by those able to read the current landscape and use what is learned to create bold solutions to meet the needs of patients and the healthcare team. This position holder will not only meet the current needs of healthcare but will anticipate the ever-changing environment and what it may hold in the future. As SDSU prioritizes innovation and ingenuity to transform the practice of pharmacy, educating the next generation of healthcare professionals who will carry out our mission is critical to achieving our strategic vision.

Primary responsibilities include supporting initiatives related to transitions of care with specific focus in the area of inpatient pharmacy (internal medicine or other); didactic instruction; precepting on-site students; actively engaging in scholarship; and contributing to committees within the academic, professional, and healthcare settings.

## THE OPPORTUNITY (CONT.)

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- An earned PharmD with a residency or equivalent experience completed by date of appointment;
- Experience in the area of care transitions or comparable clinical work;
- Eligibility for South Dakota Licensure;
- Successful track record of scholarship;
- Ability to communicate effectively with a variety of audiences;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills;
- Demonstrated organizational and time management skills;
- Strong interpersonal skills;
- Demonstrated ability to engage with and contribute to teams;
- Demonstrated ability or potential to plan, develop, implement, and evaluate educational materials and direct effective programs;
- Valid driver's license, or ability to obtain one within 30 days of hire, and willingness to travel.

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Pharmacy practice residency and/or fellowship in the area of care transitions or other applicable area of pharmacy practice;
- Experience with inpatient care delivery sufficient to precept clinical experiences for both acute care and transitions of care students;
- Experience on college and institutional committees and professional service;
- Experience with evidence-based and novel teaching techniques;
- Vision for practice transformation;
- Passion for and experience in individual and collaborative research including quality improvement, scholarship of teaching and learning, and clinical projects.







## APPLICATION AND NOMINATION PROCESS

Academic Search is assisting South Dakota State University in this national search. Confidential discussions about this opportunity may be arranged by contacting senior consultant Jerry Israel ([jerry.israel@academicsearch.org](mailto:jerry.israel@academicsearch.org)).

Applications, nominations, and expressions of interest can be submitted electronically, and in confidence, to: [GSVFaculty@academicsearch.org](mailto:GSVFaculty@academicsearch.org). The position is open until filled, but only applications received by May 1, 2024 can be assured full consideration.

Applications should consist of:

- a detailed letter of interest;
- a complete curriculum vitae (CV);
- the names and contact information (phone and email) of three professional references, none of whom will be contacted without prior notification to the candidate.

South Dakota State University promotes access to and opportunities for all to receive the benefit of and participate in education, research, and service and is especially interested in candidates that can contribute to this land-grant access mission.

Any offer of employment is conditioned upon the university's verification of credentials and other information required by law and/or university policies, including but not limited to, successful completion of a criminal background check.

South Dakota State University is a tobacco free environment. It is the policy of the University to maintain a drug-free environment and to thereby establish, promote, and maintain a safe and healthy working and learning environment for employees and students. This position is subject to South Dakota State University's Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy 4:14.

SDSU is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to, and SDSU prohibits discrimination on, the basis of, sex, race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy, religion, age, disability, genetic information, veteran's status, or any other status that may become protected in the offering of all educational programs and employment. Arrangements for accommodations required by disabilities can be made by emailing [HR@sdstate.edu](mailto:HR@sdstate.edu). Individuals with concerns regarding discrimination should contact: Equal Opportunity Officer/Title IX Coordinator, Human Resources, Morrill Hall 100, SDSU, Brookings, SD 57007. Phone: (605) 688-4128.

Sponsorship is not available for this position, applicant must be authorized to work in the U.S.

# ABOUT ACADEMIC SEARCH

Academic Search is assisting South Dakota State University in this work. For more than four decades, Academic Search has offered executive search services to higher education institutions, associations, and related organizations.

Academic Search was founded by higher education leaders on the principle that we provide the most value to partner institutions by combining best practices with our deep knowledge and experience. Our mission today is to enhance institutional capacity by providing outstanding executive recruitment services, executive coaching, and transition support, in partnership with our parent organization, the American Academic Leadership Institute.

