

ACCP Clinical Administration PRN Officer Spotlight

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Current position within Clinical Administration PRN:

Secretary/Treasurer



What was the route you took to get to where you are today?

I became involved with ACCP in my 3rd year of pharmacy school. I served as secretary of the Student Network Advisory Committee as a P4. During my first year of my HSPA residency, I served on the Resident Advisory Committee. I was interested in increasing my involvement with the PRNs. I worked with Tammy Malm to further develop our CADM Student/Resident committee. Currently, I am serving as the CADM Secretary/Treasurer. This role supports our PRN through committee and member support and assisting with organizing the annual meeting business meeting.

Please provide a brief description of your current position.

I am an operations manager at Mission Hospital in Asheville, NC. Mission Hospital is a regional referral, tertiary care, Level 2 Trauma center that serves western North Carolina. I support our Pediatric, Inpatient Oncology, and Distribution service lines. This roles provides me with the opportunity to help drive our medication distribution processes, but I am also able to work closely with my pharmacists and providers in pediatrics and oncology to help them develop the resources to support patient care.

What do you like most about your current job?

Beyond my amazing team of people, I like the collaboration and problem solving that is part of my job. Every day is so different, so I am constantly working to grow and change with it.

Why did you join ACCP?

I joined ACCP since I wanted to be involved with an organization that provided in-depth clinical development for its pharmacists.

Reason for joining the Clinical Administration PRN and what keeps you involved?

Initially, I joined the Clinical Administration PRN as a future HSPA resident. I have continued to stay involved because I believe strongly that our PRN reflects the leadership that supports the work being completed by the pharmacists in the other PRNs. The list serve emails are frequently pertinent to questions and issues that my institution is facing. The membership is interested in developing and supporting their students and residents as future leaders in pharmacy.

What do you like to do for fun outside of work/fun fact about yourself?

Since I live in Asheville, NC, I try to take full advantage of the beautiful mountains in this area. When the weather is great on the weekends, I am usually out hiking in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

What advice would you give a student or current resident interested in pursuing pharmacy administration?

First, I would encourage them to try to get a job at a hospital during pharmacy school. The knowledge that you will learn from working side-by-side with your technicians is invaluable. The time management required to work and go to pharmacy school will be useful as a resident. Second, I would recommend that they get involved in some type of quality or process improvement project. Being able to speak to this type of work at an interview will demonstrate your ability to identify a problem and work through steps towards resolution.