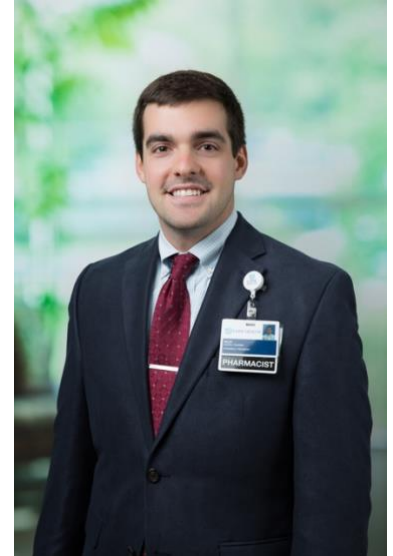


ACCP Clinical Administration PRN Officer Spotlight

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Current position within Clinical Administration PRN: Co-Chair, Resident and Student Committee



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

I attended undergrad at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and benefited from excellent health-sciences and business experiences. I have always been interested in how we can impact health-care through leadership, quality, and financial management. I volunteered at the hospital in the department of pharmacy while in undergrad and gained an appreciation for how pharmacy touches all aspects of healthcare and how important it is for strong leaders to help maintain departments of pharmacy.

Please provide a brief description of your current position.

I serve as the co-chair for the resident and student committee in the Clinical Admin PRN. Through this committee I help lead a group of students and residents that are interested in administration. Our mission is to provide professional development to students and residents to supplement their didactic and clinical experiences. We accomplish this through developing webinars, mentor and mentee programs, and collaborating with other committees in ACCP.

What do you like most about your current job?

What I like most about pharmacy administration is the variety of responsibilities that you have on a day in and day out basis. It is rare that two days look a-like. Navigating human resources, maintaining best practices, and making clinical decisions is a unique and rewarding experience.

Why did you join ACCP?

ACCP does an excellent job of supplementing students and residents didactic and clinical experiences by providing mentoring and professional development. Involvement in professional

organizations is a necessary component, in my opinion, of becoming a well-rounded and forward thinking pharmacist and leader.

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

The Clinical Administration PRN provides an opportunity to network and get involved. In most cases the projects and problems that arise at our individual sites are issues that arise at all health-systems. The PRN provides a comprehensive network to reach out for professional advice and development.

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

In my free time I enjoy spending time and traveling with my wife. Also in my free time I enjoy running and staying active.

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

My best advice for those interested in pursuing administration is to not limit yourself. Get involved in multiple organizations, be a scholar and read articles and stay up with current events, and get a mentor that can help you navigate the process. There is no one path to pursue a career in administration so reaching out to others and developing a mentor relationship with a seasoned leader can help you pave your individual path to a successful career.