

Onyemechi L. Opara, PharmD

EDUCATION:

8 / 1996 – 8 / 2004

Doctor of Pharmacy, PharmD
Texas Southern University,
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences,
Houston, TX

Skills

- Excellent straightforward business communication skills.
- Excellent demonstrated knowledge and understanding of pharmacy related functions and broad range of responsibilities associated with pharmaceutical care.
- Excellent computer skills on Word, Excel, Outlook, MAC, email, Internet research.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

08/09- Houston Community College –
Professor, Life Science Department

- Demonstrate competence and interest in the use of technology in the classroom and willingness to explore new instructional methodologies.
- Develop and use a syllabus for each course or laboratory within college, discipline, and departmental guidelines and submit one copy to the department chair.
- Evaluate students to measure their progress toward achievement of stated course objectives and inform them of their progress in the course in a timely manner.
- Maintain professional relationships with students, colleagues, and the community.
- Make continuous efforts to improve the quality of instruction by reviewing and utilizing innovative methodologies, techniques, and delivery methods.

- Plan, develop, and use a variety of teaching methods and materials that assist students in meeting course objectives and which are appropriate for students with differing educational and experiential backgrounds and learning styles.
- Provide access to students through posted office hours, electronic communication, and other appropriate methods. Provide advice and assistance to students regarding instructional or program-specific issues

08/08- Clinical Research Specialist
Oxford Global Resources/Black Diamond Networks

- Assess clinical investigative sites by ensuring protection of the subjects' rights and safety; adhere to clinical protocols, Standard Operating Procedures, ICH guidelines, Good Clinical Practices and FDA guidelines.
- Performed site audits due to data integrity concerns.
- Performed Preoperative and Postoperative monitoring of subjects with cataract who have had IOL implantation.
- Performed review of Site Investigator File, source documents verification, retrieve Case Report Forms (CRFs) and performed query resolution in a timely manner, and follow the appropriate filing of documents in Investigator Site File and In-house Investigator Site File.
- Reviewed, contributed to project documents and required reports, such as study protocol documents and consent forms, SAE, project and protocol deviation reports.
- Worked with sites during site monitoring visits to resolve protocol data discrepancies resulting from queries and Missing Forms.

10/00- 1/05 Pharmacist
Walgreens Pharmacy

- Analyzing customer needs and interests on OTC meds and medical devices.
- Counseled patients of any Serious Adverse Events (SAE) on prescriptions drugs.
- Developed product expertise and in-depth disease state knowledge.
- Ensure compliance with HIPAA, FDA rules and regulations.

- Meticulously maintained all dispensing protocols, documentation requirements, safety measures, and DEA/FDA guidelines.
- Maintaining a current key physician's target list, submitting regular updates to the data warehouse and planning calls to meet frequency goals

8/03- 8/04 Experiential Pharmacy Intern
Houston, TX

- Promotes communication among health care team and serve as a liaison between families, the health plan, providers; collaborate with client support staff to resolve customer issues.
- Provided in service/continuing education programs to health professionals.
- Represent the company as the liaison to staff, providers, and members/family.
- Regulate policies and procedures for the operation of procurement activities. Uphold strong interpersonal skills and ability to effectively communicate with diverse cultures.
- Researched- targeted high potential referral sources, developed business plan to build strong network, including direct office visits, luncheons with physicians, healthcare professionals.
- Retain an expert level of knowledge and task used in highly complex nature and ability in resolving problems.

PHARMACY PRACTICE ROTATIONS:

08/03-09/03 Community clinic
Settegast Clinic, Houston, TX

09/03-11/03 Ambulatory clinic
Acres Home Health Clinic, Houston, TX

11/03-12/03 Family Practice
Family Medicine Practice, Houston, TX

01/04- 02/04	Hospital Experience <i>Hospital Pharmacy, Houston, TX</i>
02/04-03/04	Retail Rotation <i>The pharmacy, Houston, TX</i>
03/04-05/04	Inpatient Pharmacy <i>Quentin Mease Hospital, Houston, TX</i>
05/04-07/04	Drug Information Site <i>Ben Taub, Houston, TX</i>
07/04-08/04	Geriatrics Rotation <i>Southwest Memorial Hospital, Houston, TX</i>

CERTIFICATIONS:

10/03-present	CPR/AED American Heart Association
5/03	Introductory Compounding Laboratory Training P*ceutics Institute @ Professional Compounding Centers of America, Houston, TX

PRESENTATIONS:

“Antidepressant Treatment of Hot Flashes”- Texas Southern University-
presentation to clinical professors and Doctorate of Pharmacy students, 2004

“Handling of Adverse Events and Product Complaint Reporting in
Accordance with FDA Guidelines” – Texas Southern University-
presentation to clinical professors and Doctorate of Pharmacy students, 2004

“The Incidence of Drug-induced Orthostatic Hypotension In Elderly
Veterans”
ASHP Poster Presentation, Midyear Clinical Meeting, New Orleans,
Louisiana, 2003

“Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia in Hospitals”
Texas Southern University- presentation to clinical professors
And Doctorate of Pharmacy students, 2003

“Myocardial Infraction Prevention and Discharge Information for Patients.”
Literature evaluation Texas Southern University- presentation to clinical
professors
And Doctorate of Pharmacy students, 2002

“Disopyramide” drug monograph, Texas Southern University- presentation
to clinical professors and Doctorate of Pharmacy students, 1999

AWARDS /DISTINCTION:

2002-2004 Pharmacy Scholarship Recipient

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

2002-2004 Mentor for Kappi Psi to First year Pharmacy
Students

2001-2003 Participant in Susan B. Komen Race for the
Cure
Breast Cancer Walk, Houston, TX

11/03 Participant in America’s Walk for Diabetes,
Houston, TX

10/03 Volunteer in organizing “Know your
Pharmacist”
Pharmacy week Student activities, Ben Taub
Hospital, Houston, TX

1/03 Organized Patient Counseling Competition,

American Pharmacists Association-
Academy of students of Pharmacy (APhA-
ASP), Texas Southern University, Houston,

10/02	Participant in clinical skills competition, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), Texas Southern University, Houston, TX
2002	Participant in Brown Bag on Hypertension, Jewish Community center, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

2000-present	Kappi Psi Pharmacy Fraternity
2002-Present	American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Student Society of Health System Pharmacists

LANGUAGES:

Fluent in both English and Igbo

References: Available upon request