

HISTORY

The College of Pharmacy traces its origins to the University of Tennessee's Knoxville campus in 1898. The School relocated to Memphis in 1909 to join the city's College of Physicians and Surgeons. The resulting institution became part of the University of Tennessee in 1911, when the UT medical and dental schools were moved to Memphis. The school received college status in 1959, consistent with the other colleges of UT Memphis. Today, the UT Health Science Center, with 2,000 students and 3,000 employees, is one of the nation's leading academic health centers.

YEARS OF EXCELLENCE: A CHRONOLOGY

1898



Pharmacy courses were first offered as a part of the chemistry department at UT Knoxville. The moving spirit in the organization was Professor Charles O. Hill, a chemistry faculty member who had received his pharmacy education at the University of Michigan.

1900



The Pharmacy Department graduated its first students, Henry Comer Fite of Hendersonville and Samuel Gerstle Spiro of Knoxville (shown).

1906

The Pharmacy Department was made a separate School of Pharmacy. Pharmacy education continued in Knoxville, graduating 27 men with the Pharmaceutical Chemist (Ph.C.) degree. Students were admitted on certification from a reputable pharmacist, stating that the student had regularly worked in a practical pharmacy for a period of at least two years.

1909



Pharmacy instruction was moved to Memphis. The pharmacy department in Memphis was conducted under the auspices of the College of Physicians and Surgeons for two sessions, 1909-1910.

1910

At this time pharmacy became a department of the old University of Memphis. The University of Memphis graduated eight pharmacy students, but only six students were enrolled in pharmacy courses and the Board of Trustees terminated the program.

1911



Pharmacy education resumed its operation as The University of Tennessee School of Pharmacy, upon the transfer of the UT medical and dental schools to Memphis. Dr. William Kraus was Chairman of Faculty in the College from 1911 to 1926.

1912



Six students graduated in the first pharmacy class on the UT Memphis campus. Tuition in the early days at UT was \$100, including laboratory and demonstration fees. Expenses were estimated at \$225 per year.

1914



The School applied for and received recognition by the New York Board of Regents. The School graduated its first female, Emma Hutson Hutchinson.

1924



The School applied for and received full membership in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

1926



Andrew Richard Bliss, Jr. was appointed the first dean of the UT School of Pharmacy. Dr. Bliss was an eminent pharmacist, researcher, and educator. He had come to the University in 1923 as Chief of the Division of Physiology and Pharmacology in the College of Medicine. Dr. Bliss served as dean until June 30, 1933, when he resigned to become a director of Webster Laboratories, whose facilities were located just across the street from the School of Pharmacy in Memphis.



At this time, the main building of the School of Pharmacy was Lindsley Hall. The building had also served as the home of the old College of Physicians and Surgeons, and in fact, was the only building on the UT campus in Memphis for a number of years.

1927



In 1927, the Tennessee General Assembly provided funds for the erection of a new pharmacy building, later named the Crowe Research Building. The Crowe building served for over sixty years as the home of the School of Pharmacy, and some offices and laboratories of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences remain housed in the Crowe Building today.

1931

The number of faculty members increased from 11 in 1911 to 30 by 1931.

1936



Robert L. Crowe was appointed Dean of the School of Pharmacy. Dr. Crowe's career goal was to become a physician, but after being introduced into the world of teaching, he decided that teaching was to be his life's work. Although he never received his medical degree, he was licensed by examination to practice medicine (not surgery) in Tennessee. It is believed that Dr. Crowe is perhaps the only person in the 20th Century without a medical degree licensed to practice medicine in the state. He routinely practiced medicine in his office at the School of Pharmacy, seeing indigent patients at no charge. Dr. Crowe was also an inventor, having developed two medicines, had them patented, and later sold them to an Ohio drug firm. Dr. Crowe guided the School from a small department into one of the largest and best pharmacy schools in the United States. Dr. Crowe's name was synonymous with pharmacy in Tennessee. He could be found in Nashville lobbying the General Assembly for the College and the profession during every session. Dr. Crowe served as dean until his death in July 1953.

1937

B.S. Pharm

The School conferred the first B.S. in Pharmacy degree.

World War II brought a dramatic decrease in pharmacy school enrollment but it escalated again in the latter 1940's. Only 16 students graduated with pharmacy degrees from 1944 through 1946.

1940

Overseas, two UT pharmacy grads and one student made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. In 1942, Lee New Minor ('40) was killed in China while serving with General Claire Chenault's famed "Flying Tigers." Navy Chief Pharmacist Mate David Edward Nolte ('27) died after Japanese bombs hit his destroyer off The Phillipines in 1944. Pete Hooser had completed only his first year of pharmacy school, and he was reported missing in action in Europe in 1944. Pete was the son of pharmacist Eddie and Aileen Hooser of Nashville. Eddie Hooser was President of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association at the time of his son's death.

1953



Upon the death of Dean Robert L. Crowe, Karl John Goldner succeeded him as dean, serving as dean until 1959, when he resigned to resume his teaching career. During the 1950's pharmacy school tuition at UT was \$90 per quarter or \$270 per year. UT Memorial Hospital was completed in Knoxville, a vital educational component.

1959



Seldon Dick Feurt was appointed dean on March 1. Dr. Feurt was instrumental in the changing of the name of the school to College of Pharmacy, consistent with the Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry on the Memphis campus. Dean Feurt brought acclaimed teachers, scientists and researchers to UT, the faculty being increased to 60 full-time and part-time teaching and research members. Under Dr. Feurt's leadership the UT College of Pharmacy became the largest pharmacy school in the South and one of the five largest schools in the nation.

1962



The five-story pharmacy and dentistry research building at 26 S. Dunlap was completed. This building was renamed for Dean Seldon D. Feurt after his death in 1975. It now houses offices and laboratories of the College's Departments of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

1963



The graduate program in pharmaceutical sciences was introduced, leading to the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees.

1968



The post-BS Doctor of Pharmacy degree program was established with the first two Pharm.D. students, Gary Cripps (above) and Max Ray (below), graduating in 1969.

1969



The Wassell Randolph Student-Alumni Center and the Randolph Dormitory on the UT Memphis campus were completed.

1973



The first African-American, James Saarnell Hayes, earned his B.S. in Pharmacy degree and in 1974 earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree, making him not only the first black BSPHarm graduate, but also the first black PharmD graduate of The University of Tennessee.

1975



Following the death of Dr. Feurt on January 19, Dr. Martin Ellis Hamner was named acting dean. Dr. Hamner served until August 1, when Dr. John Autian was named dean. Having arrived at the College in 1967 from the University of Texas, Dr. Autian established the UT Materials Science Toxicology Laboratories in 1968. Because of the work of Dr. Autian and Dr. W. Homer Lawrence, the MST Labs reached a level of national and international prominence and helped establish new FDA regulations on medical devices. Dr. Autian served as Dean until 1982 when he was appointed Dean of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences and Vice Chancellor for Research at UT Memphis.

1976

The formal agreement establishing the Seldon D. Feurt Memorial Fund was signed. This memorial to the late dean was established by members of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy, in cooperation with the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, and alumni of the College. The agreement outlined the planned usage of money to be raised and formed the Feurt Committee as the Fund's governing body.

1982



Michael R. Ryan was named Dean of the College. Dr. Ryan's term brought innovative changes to the College, beginning in 1984, when the Pharm.D. course of study was implemented for all pharmacy students, one of the first schools in the nation to do so. Dr. Ryan served as Dean until 1989.

1984

PharmD

Emphasis on the Pharm.D. degree grew throughout the United States, and the PharmD degree was approved as the only degree offered by the UT College of Pharmacy.

1985

The Harriett S. Van Vleet Foundation awarded UT a gift of \$3,000,000 to support research and education in pharmacy and the biomedical sciences. The \$1,000,000 pharmacy portion of the Van Vleet Foundation gift brought the Van Vleet Professorship in Pharmacy and support for research and graduate student scholarships.

1988

UT's first all-Pharm.D. class graduates.

1989



James C. Eoff III served as acting dean following the resignation of Dean Ryan. In September, UT alumnus Dick R. Gourley was named Dean of the College. A native of Paducah, KY, he received his pre-pharmacy education at UT Knoxville, where he played varsity baseball for the Volunteers. He earned his B.S. in Pharmacy and Pharm.D. degrees from the UT College of Pharmacy in 1969 and 1970, respectively.

1989



Eight Chairs of Excellence and two Centers of Excellence at UT Memphis were established as a result of Governor Lamar Alexander and the Tennessee General Assembly's Better Schools Program. In the program, the State of Tennessee matched private donations for the establishment of chairs and centers, up to \$500,000 each. The Center for Pediatric Pharmacokinetics and Therapeutics was one of the two funded Centers of Excellence.

1990



First Tennessee Chair of Excellence in Pharmacy was established and William E. Evans, Pharm.D. was named the First Tennessee Chair.

1990



The UT College of Pharmacy hosted the first international symposium on health care for students, faculty and alumni. During the symposium UT signed affiliation agreements with pharmacy educators from Denmark, Sweden, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, England, and Spain. The international exchange program began when eight UT pharmacy students embarked on the College's first international externships later that same year. Today the program enables 34 fourth-year students the opportunity to study abroad. As a result of the international program, the Feurt Memorial Committee refocused their funding efforts, targeting the Feurt International Scholars program, the innovative dual-degree Pharm.D./Ph.D. scholarship program and the annual Feurt Symposium for funding.

1990

The Dean's Advisory Council was created. Composed of representatives of industry, professional organizations, and practitioners in the various areas of pharmacy, this body advises the dean and the college on important topics facing pharmacy and health care. In addition, the Council has helped build stronger corporate and health systems relationships for the College. More involvement by industry has not only brought wise counsel and timely advice, but corporate support of College programs has increased dramatically.

1992



Duane D. Miller, Ph.D., named the Harriett S. Van Vleet Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

1993



U.S. News & World Report, in its annual issue listing the nation's best graduate schools, ranked the UT College of Pharmacy as the eighth best pharmacy school granting the Pharm.D. degree. The 1997 issue ranked the College as #7.

2004



Governor Phil Bredesen and the Tennessee General Assembly approved \$42.8 million to construct a new building for the College of Pharmacy on the UT Health Science Center campus in Memphis. Architectural firms TRO The Ritchie Organization and Evans Taylor Foster Childress, both of Memphis, were assigned by the State Building Commission to the project in August.

2005



The Physicians and Surgeons Building of the former Baptist Memorial Hospital, was imploded and cleared, making way for construction of the new college of pharmacy building.

2007



Knoxville campus is open with the construction of a new 15,000 square foot facility on the University of Tennessee Medical Center campus.



Peter A. Chyka, Pharm.D. named Executive Associate Dean of the Knoxville campus.

2007



Michael L. Christensen, Pharm.D. named to the Stevens' Professorship.

2007



P. David Rogers, Pharm.D., Ph.D. named to First Tennessee Chair of Excellence in Pharmacy .

2010

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded the UTHSC College of Pharmacy \$3.36 million over three years to fund the College's Minority Center of Excellence.

2011



The UT College of Pharmacy and the University of Memphis Fogelman College of Business and Economics have been collaborating on the development of a new, customer-driven executive MBA program focused on health-system pharmacy leadership and management.

2011



In August, the College dedicated its new 183,857 square foot, six story building in Memphis at the UT Baptist Research Park in the Memphis Medical Center.

2011



Dean Gourley announces his retirement and accepts the position as Dean Emeritus and Interim President of the University of Tennessee Research Foundation. James C. Eoff III served as acting dean. In September, Marie Chisholm-Burns is named the new dean of the College. Dr. Chisholm-Burns is the first African-American and female to be appointed dean of the 113-year-old UT College of Pharmacy. A native of Long Island, N.Y., she received her BS at Georgia College. Dr. Chisholm-Burns obtained her BS in pharmacy and PharmD. degrees at The University of Georgia, and her Master of Public Health at Emory University.
