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## LA PHARMACIE EN LOUISIANE

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### COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ALUMNI NEWS



## PHARMILY SPOTLIGHT: Yasmeeen Davis, PharmD

**Hometown:** Winnfield, LA

**Education:** I was a Pre-Pharmacy Major for 4 years. I entered ULM College of Pharmacy in Fall 2012 and graduated in May 2016.

**Work History:** Ten days after graduation in 2016, I began working at Kroger Pharmacy in the Shreveport area as a grad-intern, then a floater pharmacist, and then, after the required two years of experience, I became a PIC/Pharmacy Manager (2018). I kept this same position with Kroger when I moved to Atlanta, GA, in 2020. In 2023, I moved back to Louisiana and briefly worked for Walgreens Pharmacy. In 2024, I was presented with the opportunity to work as a staff pharmacist at a long-standing independent pharmacy in my hometown. Pharmacy Services was previously owned by Mr. Steve Shelton (ULM '77), but had recently changed ownership to Trinity Community Health Center.

Initially, I wasn't sure about being back in small town Winnfield but the more I prayed, the more the Lord showed me it was right. I began working there as support staff, and after about two months it was proposed that I take over as Pharmacist In Charge. I accepted the new position and it is the one that I currently hold today.

**Areas of Pharmacy you are passionate about:** Being that I am in the retail field of pharmacy, patient education/self-care are the things I am most passionate about. I love to counsel patients about their medications and help them understand how the drugs work. I have recently developed a desire to understand more about the vitamins, supplements, and herbs that can also be useful in overall wellness since these things are not studied in as much detail in the pharmacy school program.

**Advice for those looking to a career in pharmacy:** Go for the type of career path that you desire even if you have fear or if it feels unattainable. Sometimes it may not work out, but it may help you land where you belong. I initially desired to be a clinical pharmacist which would have required completing a residency, possibly two. Out of fear, I only applied to five residencies and they were all in the same area in the same state (which had FIVE pharmacy schools of its own.) I did not want to move too far away where I would have had to figure out living arrangements with no family nearby. Ultimately, I did not match and that is how I ended up in retail.

**Why you chose ULM/NLU College of Pharmacy:** The summer after my junior year in high school, my chemistry teacher, Mrs. Freeman, had me apply to be in the Howard Hughes Medical Institute program, which was hosted at ULM. For six weeks we got to do research, attend biology classes, and stay in the dorms, basically use the campus as if we were actual research students there. I loved it so much that I went back the next summer. It allowed me to get a good feel of the campus and that was what put ULM on my radar. After I decided that I wanted to eventually go to pharmacy school, it made sense to go to ULM being that it had one of the only two pharmacy schools in Louisiana, and I was confident that I would get a great education there.

**School organization involvement as a student:** I was involved in APHA, SNPhA, and CPFI

**Family:** Mother to one sassy two-year-old little girl

**Hobbies/Fun things:** I love Jesus! I love to DANCE, sing, and write songs.

**Anything else you wish to share:** Matthew 6:33 "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

# STAY IN TOUCH

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12

Spring Into Health

10:00am - 2:00pm

Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo

April 16

PharmJR Recruitment Event for junior  
high students

April 24

ULM's Wine Over Water  
Monroe, Louisiana

Information & Tickets [HERE](#)

May 1

Pharmacy Advocacy Day  
La. Capitol, Baton Rouge, 10am

May 16/17

College of Pharmacy Senior Recognition  
& Graduation Ceremonies  
Monroe, Louisiana

June 7

Dufilho Society "Evening of Thanks"  
Monroe, Louisiana

June 12

Happy Hour from Home  
Virtually connect with COP alumni and administrators

July 11

Alumni Reception  
LPA Annual Meeting  
Natchez, Mississippi

September 26-27

Homecoming Alumni Party & Super Tailgate

As a graduate of ULM's pharmacy, Ph.D. or Toxicology programs, the College of Pharmacy hopes you will stay in touch. There are many events throughout the year to help you re-connect with friends and former classmates. We hope to see you at one of these events and ask that you will take a moment to share any exciting news for upcoming newsletters. Connect today!

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## SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Keep your pharmacy friends and colleagues updated on your latest news. Use the link below to share any news such as new career moves, marriages, births, or condolences.  
[webservices.ulm.edu/webforms/form/college-pharmacy-alumni-news](https://webservices.ulm.edu/webforms/form/college-pharmacy-alumni-news)

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# HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DEAN EMERITUS

## WILLIAM "BILL" BOURN



Dr. William Marvin Bourn II, of Monroe, Louisiana, went home to glory on March 13, 2025, following a very tough battle with esophageal cancer. He was 82.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Rachel Bourn; his brother, Joe Bourn; and his wife of 53 years, Marsha Lea Matlock Bourn. He is survived by his wife, Mary Sissy Hammack Bourn; her children, Keith Hammack, Emily Little (Stacy) and their children Micah Little Honeycutt (Luke), Jacob Little and Macy Kate Little; his daughters, Virginia Lea Bourn Knight (Brad), Catherine Elaine Bourn Shelton (Kevin), and Carolyn Anne Bourn Mathis (Corbet); grandchildren, Hannah Grace Knight Coogan (Taylor), William Landon Knight, and Mark William Shelton; 3 nieces; and 3 nephews.

Bill was born in Carlsbad, New Mexico on October 18, 1942, to Rachel Lillian Bird Earnest and William Marvin Bourn. Bill grew up in Carlsbad where he loved hiking the hills of the desert, hunting and spending time outside. After graduation from Carlsbad High School Bill attended New Mexico Military Institute and then went on to graduate from University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy, during which time he met and married Marsha Lea Matlock. After pharmacy school, Bill attended the University of Arizona where he earned his Ph. D. in pharmacology.

In 1974, Bill and Marsha moved to Monroe, Louisiana where they raised their 3 girls and Bill worked at ULM teaching pharmacology and doing research. After several years of teaching, he moved into administration where he served 18 years as the Dean of the College of Pharmacy. He fondly became known as "the students Dean" and was an ardent advocate for the profession of pharmacy. He served on many committees and boards, supporting pharmacists locally, throughout the state, and beyond. He loved his pharmacy friends across the state that truly are extended family.

After the untimely death of Marsha in 2017, Bill met Sissy while attending the pastor's Bible study. They soon married and have enjoyed traveling together and many adventures with their friends from North Monroe Baptist Church. Bill's gift of teaching reached beyond the university where he served in Sunday School and Life Group at NMBC for almost 50 years. He loved the Lord and was a committed follower of Jesus. He was a fine, godly gentleman that loved us all so well. We will miss him dearly.

In 1991, as Dean of the College of Pharmacy, Dr. Bourn created the Dufilho Society - a fund used to support student achievements and innovation in the College of Pharmacy pursuit of excellence. He recognized the importance of planning for the future and the need for private support. Funds generated through the Dufilho Society impact current students as well as future generations of pharmacists. Dean Bourn's legacy and commitment to the College of Pharmacy will be remembered for many years to come.

There are two College of Pharmacy funds dedicated to the life and legacy of Dr. Bourn. Memorial gifts can be made to the following:

### The Bill and Marsha Bourn Endowed Scholarship

Checks payable to **ULM Foundation**  
\*Note *Bourn Scholarship* in Memo Line

Mailed to:  
Attn: Mary Rhea  
ULM College of Pharmacy  
1800 Bienville Dr., Monroe, LA 71201

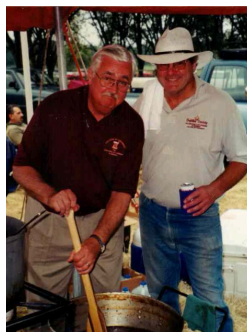
### The Bill and Marsha Bourn Office of the Dean

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# ALUMNI NEWS

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**Shomichael L. Stephens (Pharm.D. '02)** is the new owner of Headrick's Drug Store in Logansport, LA.

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**Katie Pizzolato (Pharm.D. '20)** started a new position as a Medical Science Liaison at [Genomind](#).

**Grant Menard (Pharm.D. '18)** started a new position as Registered Manager of Walgreens Specialty, RMGO at East Jefferson at Walgreens

**Cheyenne Smith (Pharm.D. '20)** obtained a new certification: ASHP Emergency Medicine Professional Certificate from ASHP.

**Dr. Beverly Walker (B.S. Pharm. '94)** was recently recognized as one of the APhA Foundation and National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) 2024 recipients of the Bowl of Hygeia Award.

**Katie Wright Pevehouse (Pharm.D. '21)** has been promoted to Pharmacy Manager at Carolina Compounding Pharmacy & Health Center.

**Madeline Dorsey (Pharm.D. '21)** obtained a new certification: Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist from BPS - Board of Pharmacy Specialties!

**Stacie LaHaye Bordelon (Pharm.D. '14)**, husband, **Bryan Bordelon (Pharm.D. '13)**, and family, welcomed a new baby girl on March 11, 2025.

**Annie Bolin (Pharm.D. '17)**, and family, welcomed a new baby boy in March.

**Shylon Francis (Pharm.D. '24)** has been selected as part of the Howard University Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship Recruitment, Onboarding, and Orientation Committee.

**Aaron Head (Pharm.D. '17)** Started a new position as Specialty Pharmacist at Professional Arts Specialty Pharmacy.

**Joshua Robinson (Pharm.D. '16)** started a new position as Pharmacy Manager at UCSF Health Mount Zion Medical Center.

**Dr. Anthony Walker (B.S. Pharm '98)** was awarded a Cameo Award for Service in Medicine by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Omicron Iota Omega Chapter of West Monroe, La.

**Carlos Irula (Pharm.D. '14)** has been recognized as a 2024 Pharmacy Trailblazer! This esteemed award, sponsored by Upsher-Smith Laboratories and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA), recognizes pharmacists who exhibit outstanding innovation in enhancing patient care and advancing the pharmacy profession. Carlos is the Director of Pharmacy at The Society of St. Vincent de Paul North Texas Charitable Pharmacy in Dallas, Texas.

Carlos was also recently featured as Director of the DAPA Board.

**Lauren Dieck McAdams (Pharm.D. '18)** recently wrote a blog titled "5 Ways Pharmacists Can Help You Stay Healthy" and it was featured within the Ochsner system. View at: <https://blog.ochsner.org/articles/little-known-ways-pharmacists-can-help-you-stay-healthy>.

**Severan Medine (B.S., Ph.D. '73)** Received my certificate for being a Pharmacist in Louisiana for 50 years. Not completely retired and still working a little for Walmart in Plaquemine, La. Graduated ULM May 1973, licensed in Louisiana August 1973.

**LeAnn Boyd (Pharm.D. '02)** Liviniti CEO, has been recognized on this year's Inc. Magazine "Female Founders 500" list, as one of the dynamic, inspiring and trailblazing female business founders.

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**Jordan Moss Alexander (Pharm.D. '19)**, Infectious Disease Pharmacist, is the newest ROSE Award winner at Rapides Regional Medical Center (RRMC)! ROSE stands for Recognition Of Service Excellence, and is designed to reward and celebrate the extraordinary efforts and compassion of RRMC's ancillary and support staff.



# PHARMACY NEWS

## 8th Annual Poor Man's Run

The 8th Annual Poor Man's Run was held on Saturday, March 8 at the College of Pharmacy. The 1-Mile Fun Run began at 8:00 am with the 5k following at 8:30 am.

Runners and walkers from a wide range of age groups participated, with the overall (5k race) male title going to second-year pharmacy student Kolton Kelley and overall female title going to Lea Miermont.

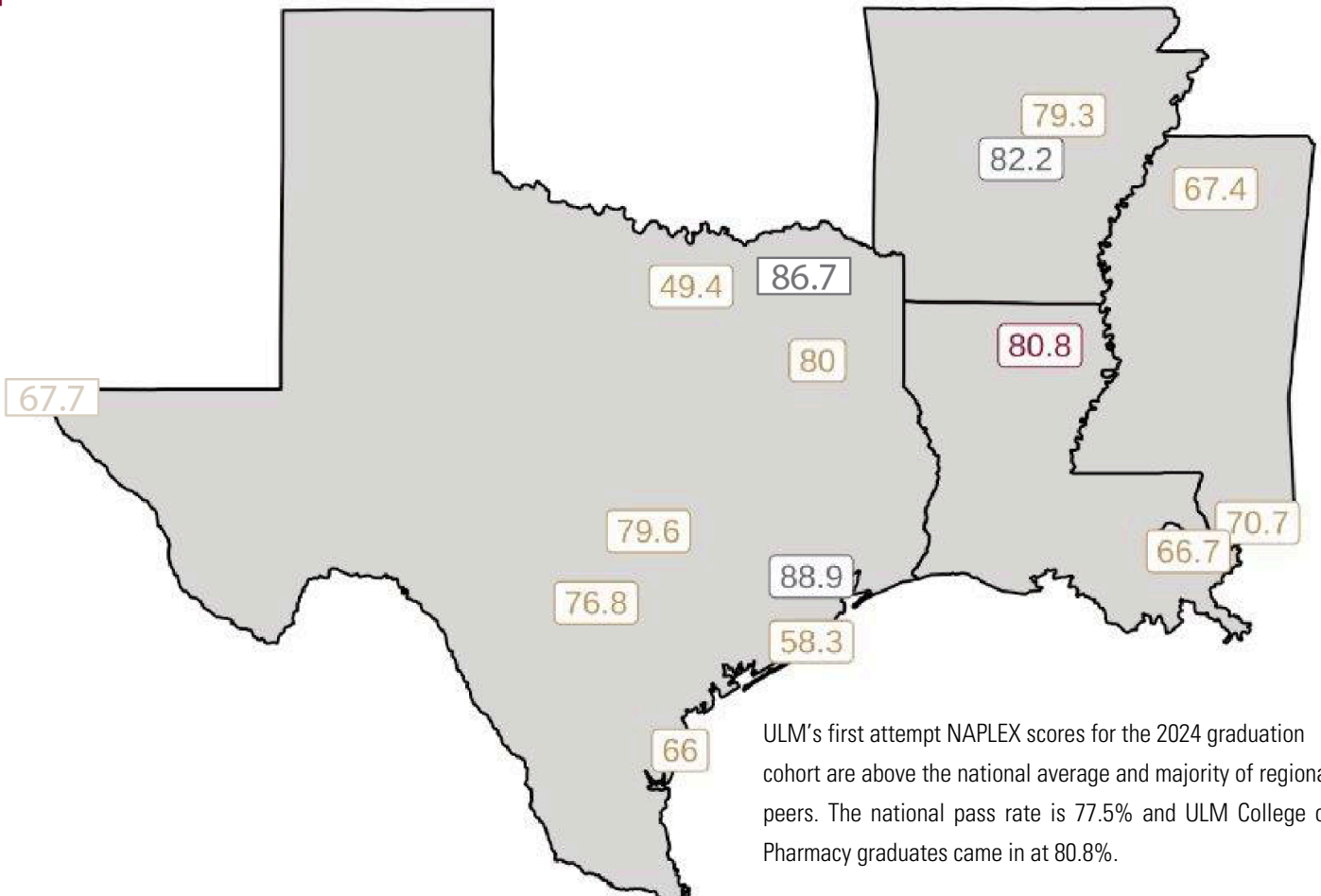
It was a windy, but beautiful day for racing. Attendees enjoyed delicious beverages from Tom's Travelin' Coffee, as well as snacks provided by race sponsors.

Thanks to all of the sponsors, volunteers, and racers that made this event possible, nearly \$10,000 was raised for our local charity pharmacy, St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy!

*St. Vincent DePaul Community Pharmacy serves 19 parishes in Louisiana. The pharmacy opened in Monroe in April 1999 serving our community for the last 26 years and counting. In that time, the charity pharmacy has filled over 300,000 prescriptions, reaching over 8,000 patients.*



## ULM's NAPLEX scores above the national average and majority of regional peers.



ULM's first attempt NAPLEX scores for the 2024 graduation cohort are above the national average and majority of regional peers. The national pass rate is 77.5% and ULM College of Pharmacy graduates came in at 80.8%.

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Dr. Gina Craft (B.S. Pharm '90), Associate Dean of Administrative & Cultural Affairs, has received training and certification in developing leadership in others. As part of the mission of the Professional Learning Center, she will offer leadership training to ULM faculty and staff interested in advancing their leadership skills.

Dr. Alexis Horace (ULM COP Tenured Professor) recently had her latest research, Assessment of Knowledge and Behaviors of an Opioid Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution Program During the COVID-19 Pandemic, published in the Harm Reduction Journal.

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Student National Pharmacists Association's (SNPhA) Operation Immunization initiative spent a week in Washington D.C. with shot@life to advocate for global childhood vaccines.

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## College of Pharmacy hosts Spring PharmFUTURE recruiting event.

On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, the ULM College of Pharmacy hosted a group of high school and college students for its Spring PharmFUTURE recruitment event. This event allows students interested in pharmacy to visit the college and learn about pharmacy careers. The students get to spend time working in the lab, mock pharmacy and IV room. The event is offered several times a year and open to any high school junior, high school senior, or college student, interested in healthcare.

## Toxicology professor, Lauren Cramer, featured in ULM Hawkeye article.



Lauren Cramer (B.S. Tox '19/M.S. Biology '22) paves the way for future female scientists to lead in toxicology. Lauren shares her journey in a recent article published in the Hawkeye. Read the complete story [HERE](#).

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## Morris Dickson Field Trip



College of Pharmacy students recently had a chance to tour the Morris & Dickson Co. facilities in Shreveport, LA, to learn about their operations.

SAVE THE DATE!  
**Homecoming 2025**  
SEPTEMBER 26 - 27







Michael Cockerham, MS, PharmD, FASHP, FLSHP  
Senior Associate Dean for Academic and Advocacy Affairs

## A Focus on Advocacy

In the summer of 2024, the College of Pharmacy restructured its administrative team which changed my role from strictly Academic Affairs to Academic and Advocacy Affairs. Professional advocacy is something that I have been passionate about for many years and this new responsibility allows me to devote more time to advancing the profession of pharmacy. When I talk about advocacy, I'm talking about political, professional and patient advocacy. That means staying informed and supporting important legislation that helps us better care for our patients. It means working to educate health care influencers in key areas that benefit the profession and in turn, patients.

My responsibilities now include educating our pharmacy students on their professional obligation to advocate in these three areas, as well as working closely with the Board of Pharmacy, the Louisiana Pharmacy Congress, our state and national professional organizations and with state legislators and advocates to advance the profession of pharmacy. We have increased advocacy training in our pharmacy school curriculum through additional lectures on advocacy, a focus this year on advocacy in our Professional Growth and Development

series and coordinating professional student organization efforts in advocacy.

One of the events that I have been most proud of is our Legislative Day at the Capitol in Baton Rouge. For the past 10 plus years we have taken a group of 25-50 students to Baton Rouge to promote the College of Pharmacy and the profession. The students do point of care testing and education in the Capitol Rotunda and meet and greet legislators to discuss current pharmacy legislation and the College. Students learn the legislative process by visiting committee meetings and viewing House and Senate sessions. We are joined by Xavier University students and faculty as well as pharmacist members of both LSHP, LPA and LIPA.

The Oath of a Pharmacist that all of our students recite at graduation states that we will "embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care" and that we will "advocate for justice to advance health equity." Therefore, it is the responsibility of all members of the profession to advance our practice. We need to stay informed of key initiatives politically and professionally, and let our voices be heard. As the saying goes, "If you're not at the table, you're on the menu!"

We invite all pharmacists to join us at the Capitol on Thursday, May 1st in the morning as we promote our profession.

**2025 Pharmacy Advocacy Day**  
**Thursday, May 1, 2025**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**Louisiana State Capitol**  
**Baton Rouge, LA**

Questions? Reach out to Dr. Mike Cockerham  
at [cockerham@ulm.edu](mailto:cockerham@ulm.edu)



# DUFILHO SOCIETY

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## College of Pharmacy Dufilho Society

Become a valued member of the Dufilho Society, a community of distinguished supporters who share a commitment to excellence in pharmacy education and the future of the pharmacy profession.

### **Bronze Level: L'Ordre de Merite Pharmacien**

\$500+ annually (individual) or \$2,500+ annually (corporate)  
Royalty level reached at \$5,000 (individual)  
or \$25,000 (corporate)

### **Garnet Level: La Guilde des Apothecaires**

\$1,000+ annually (individual) or \$5,000 annually (corporate)  
Royalty level reached at \$10,000 (individual)  
or \$50,000 (corporate)

### **Diamond Level: La Legion D'Honneur**

\$2,500+ annually (individual) or \$10,000+ annually (corporate)  
Royalty level reached at \$25,000 (individual)  
or \$100,000 (corporate)

**\*Royalty levels achieved with a 10+ year annual pledge or completion of royalty level commitment.**

Learn more, or give, at:

<https://www.ulm.edu/pharmacy/alumni/alumnigiving.html>



## Dufilho Society Member Spotlight



“As a graduate and employee of the ULM College of Pharmacy, I gladly contribute to the Dufilho Society and feel it is my privilege to do so. I would not be where I am today without the education I received at ULM and am honored to now be a part of educating our future pharmacists and ensuring their success.”

Laurel Sampognaro, PharmD '04

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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## Butler Pharmacies

Retail Pharmacist Opportunity – Independent Pharmacy, Arkansas  
Are you a pharmacist looking to practice at the top of your license? Join our well-established, independent retail pharmacy that has been serving our community for over 50 years! We're looking for a dedicated pharmacist who is passionate about patient care and eager to grow within our team.

What We Offer:

- ✓ Advanced Clinical Services – Provide point-of-care testing, birth control prescribing, and vaccination services.
- ✓ Independent Pharmacy Culture – Work in a supportive, customer-first environment where patient care is the top priority.
- ✓ Growth Potential – An opportunity to grow into a Pharmacy Manager role, with profit-sharing incentives tied to the pharmacy's success.
- ✓ Strong Team Atmosphere – Join a team that values collaboration, service excellence, and innovation in pharmacy practice.

If you're looking for a long-term career opportunity in a thriving independent pharmacy, we'd love to hear from you! For more information, contact:

Dr. Michael Butler, PharmD

Owner Butler Pharmacies

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[mbutler@butlerpharmacies.com](mailto:mbutler@butlerpharmacies.com)

[www.butlerpharmacies.com](http://www.butlerpharmacies.com)

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## Community Pharmacy of Winnsboro

In need of PRN Pharmacist at Community Pharmacy in Winnsboro, LA. If interested, please contact Nikki at [communityrx71295@gmail.com](mailto:communityrx71295@gmail.com) or (318) 435-9681.

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## K&S Drugs of Winnsboro

In need of Pharmacist at K&S Drugs in Winnsboro, LA. If interested, please contact Ivan Landry at [ivanlandry20@gmail.com](mailto:ivanlandry20@gmail.com) or (337) 278-9409.

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## Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center

Join Our Amazing Pharmacy Team at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center! Current pharmacists include ULM graduates: Mark Bazile (2004), Dustin Becnel (2020), and Whitney Rogers (2015).

Now Hiring: Ambulatory Oncology Pharmacist – Covington, LA  
Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center is Louisiana's leading cancer care organization, providing cutting-edge treatments and compassionate care to more patients each year than any other facility in the region.

Why Join Us?

- Work with a highly specialized, innovative team
- Engage in cutting-edge oncology research and treatments
- Collaborate with physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals
- Be part of a mission-driven organization committed to improving cancer survivorship

Position Overview:

The Oncology Pharmacist will provide expert pharmaceutical care for cancer patients, ensuring the safe and effective use of oncology medications. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday 8 AM to 4:30 PM.

Qualifications:

- Louisiana Pharmacy License in good standing (required)
- Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) preferred
- 3-5 years of experience as a pharmacist
- Oncology experience preferred, not required

If interested, please send your resume to Dustin Becnel (Pharmacy Manager) at [dbecnel@marybird.com](mailto:dbecnel@marybird.com).

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