

Nomination for Dr. Anastasia Rivkin

**Biography synopsis:**

Dr. Anastasia Rivkin joined the FDU School of Pharmacy in July 2012. As the Assistant Dean for Faculty and Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Dr. Rivkin leads the faculty to develop and continuously improve state-of-the-art curriculum, teaches pharmacy practice courses, conducts research and ensures that accreditation standards related to faculty, curriculum and assessment are met.

Dr. Rivkin received her B.S. in pharmaceutical sciences in 1998 and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2000 from the College of Pharmacy at North Dakota State University, graduating *summa cum laude*. She went on to complete her post-graduate ASHP-accredited residency training at Yale-New Haven Hospital in New Haven, CT.

After completing her training, Dr. Rivkin joined Long Island University Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. She worked there for over a decade, starting with a faculty appointment in the division of pharmacy practice. Dr. Rivkin educated students and provided clinical pharmacy services as a critical care pharmacy specialist at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital Center in Manhattan for over 10 years. In the last three years at Long Island University and prior to joining FDU, Dr. Rivkin was leading the Division of Pharmacy Practice as Division Director.

Dr. Rivkin is a registered pharmacist in New York and New Jersey, with immunization certification approval. She has been a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist since 2002.

**Nomination:**

- A. Service to the profession of pharmacy
  - a. Research related to pharmacy practice
    - i. Dr. Rivkin is a distinguished scholar in the field of pharmacy practice; she is an author of over 20 peer-reviewed publications that appear in high-impact pharmacy and medical journals, such as *Pharmacotherapy*, *Annals of Pharmacotherapy*, *Clinical Therapeutics*, *American Journal of Health Systems Pharmacy*, *Drugs of Today*, and *Journal of Critical Care*. She is also a co-author of the textbook "Pharmacotherapy Principles and Practice," now in its third edition. Dr. Rivkin's scholarship focuses on critical care, gastroenterology/hepatology, and coagulation disorders.
  - b. Research related to pharmacy education—impacting pharmacists of the future
    - i. Dr. Rivkin's additional research focuses of pharmaceutical education, with publication appearing in the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education* and *Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning*. From education perspective, she evaluated active learning techniques and use of classroom technology to enhance student learning. Currently, she is implementing several evidenced-based pedagogical approaches at FDU School of Pharmacy, impacting generations of future pharmacy practitioners. Faculty members at the school are following her lead with implementing various educational technologies to deliver high-quality contemporary education addressing variable learning styles.
  - c. Innovative practice models
    - i. Dr. Rivkin was one of the leaders at the School of Pharmacy helping establish an innovative collaboration between Barnabas Health and an academic institution to

deliver accountable care organization services. This project has been designed and executed in 2014, with ACO housed within the School of Pharmacy and services provided by a full-time clinical faculty member.

- d. Innovative/forward thinking educational opportunities
  - i. Dr. Rivkin oversees development and delivery of Master of Health Science offerings along with the Director for Graduate Programs; offerings in the fields of health informatics, regulatory sciences, and clinical trial research administration will provide graduates with distinguishing skill sets and broaden their horizons beyond traditional pharmacist roles.
- B. Service to NJPHA/APHA
  - a. Dr. Rivkin has served as a faculty supervisor for the American Pharmacists Association student chapter events; and participated in the Annual American Heart Association walks overseeing students' health fair activities (blood pressure counseling).
  - b. Dr. Rivkin has attended pharmacy students' College Bowl and Pain Management Competitions at the annual New Jersey Pharmacist Association meetings and provided support for the FDU School of Pharmacy student teams.
  - c. Dr. Rivkin had moderated CE presentations at the annual NJPHA meeting, and had presented her research poster at the poster session.