



NAME: LCDR BRIAN NORTH

JOB TITLE: CHIEF PHARMACIST, FEDERAL PRISON CAMP, MONTGOMERY, AL

AGENCY: FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS (BOP)

EDUCATION/DEGREES/CERTIFICATES/INSTITUTIONS:

LCDR Brian North received his Bachelor of Science in Microbiology and Cell Science with a Minor in Secondary Education from the University of Florida in 1996. LCDR North continued on to obtain his Doctor of Pharmacy from Auburn University graduating Cum Laude in 2001. In 2004, he chose to expand his skills by completing HIV/AIDS training through the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists.

CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION:

Since May 2000, LCDR North has been the Chief Pharmacist at Federal Prison Camp (FPC) Montgomery, AL. In addition to managing pharmacy operations for a facility which houses over 1,000 inmates, he ensures compliance with regulatory requirements, provides drug information, and presents professional development programs for staff. LCDR North's clinical responsibilities also include providing consultant services for HIV/AIDS pharmaceutical management to the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) southeastern region, encompassing eighteen institutions in five states and Puerto Rico. He also supervises inmates in the immediate area and other areas as needed.

QUALIFYING SKILLS FOR CURRENT POSITION:

LCDR North's experience as a Public Health Service (PHS) Senior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program (COSTEP) student was the beginning of a long line of commitment to Federal Service and development of leadership skills. After his one year Senior COSTEP rotation from May 2000-May 2001 with the FBOP, including a rotation with the Indian Health Service (IHS), he took on a senior pharmacist position with the PHS at a FBOP facility which housed over 1,700 inmates. During this time, he managed pharmacy operations through procurement, distribution, quality control, and cost-effective utilization of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies. In addition to previous assignments, having significant training and experience in pharmacy, cell biology, education, and HIV/AIDS have also provided LCDR North with the necessary tools to succeed in his current position.

REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE USPHS AS A CAREER:

As a married college student, LCDR North appreciated the pay and benefits provided during his COSTEP experience. He especially valued the quality of life, option to increase mobility at his initiation, and numerous career paths the PHS has to offer.

PREVIOUS USPHS ASSIGNMENTS:

LCDR North's professional work experience started as a Senior COSTEP from May 2000-May 2001, in which he rotated with the FBOP and Indian Health Service (IHS). During that time, he earned his Doctor of Pharmacy graduating Cum Laude. In May 2001, LCDR North took a Senior Pharmacist position with the FBOP at Federal Correctional Institute (FCI) Jesup, GA. LCDR North currently serves as the Chief Pharmacist at FPC Montgomery, AL since 2005.

MOST REWARDING USPHS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

LCDR North's most rewarding experience has been his involvement with a group of PHS BOP pharmacists in a nationwide HIV/AIDS consultation effort that has had a positive impact on patient outcomes, pharmaceutical expenditures, and peer education.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS/ACTIVITIES:

His interests include teaching, serving as a pharmacy preceptor, and reaching out to potential future PHS Pharmacists.

SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST:

LCDR North feels most honored to have had two opportunities to serve the public as a volunteer medical missionary in India. He looks forward to many more chances to be of service.

by CDR Elizabeth Girard