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Professional Profile

Dr. Morgan Ashcraft is a licensed regulatory professional (RAC-Drugs) specializing in consulting for medical devices and pharmaceuticals across all stages of the product's lifecycle. Experience has included Class I, II, and III medical devices, biologics, and pharmaceuticals and is inclusive of pre- and post-market activities.

Dr. Ashcraft has expertise in scientific research and analyses related to interactions between implantable medical devices and their environments. She has expertise in products featuring blood-contacting surfaces and antimicrobial materials. Her training ranges from synthesis and fabrication to in-depth material characterization to biological assessments. Dr. Ashcraft also has extensive knowledge of nanoparticle drug-delivery systems, pharmaceutical formulation testing, and antibiotic adjuvants/potentiators. Her scientific and research work has centered around translational technology to optimize patient outcomes and quality of life.

Prior to joining Exponent, Morgan earned her Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences at the University of Georgia. Her dissertation focused on multifunctional surfaces and therapies for reduced medical device-associated complications. She worked with a broad range of established biomedical materials and devices as well as ground-breaking, exploratory constructs and formulations.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

Ph.D., Pharmacy, University of Georgia, 2022

B.S., Chemistry, Cleveland State University, 2017

Stewart Award, University of Georgia, 2022

Summer Research Grant, University of Georgia, 2021

Innovative and Interdisciplinary Research Grant, University of Georgia, 2020

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2019-2022

Junior Student of the Year Award, University of Georgia, 2019

Women in Pharma Scholarship, International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineers, 2018

Outstanding Student in Analytical Chemistry, Cleveland State University, 2015-2016

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Licenses and Certifications

RAC-Drugs Certified Professional

Academic Appointments

Teaching Assistant, Pharmaceutical Sciences, UGA, 2018-2019

Publications

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