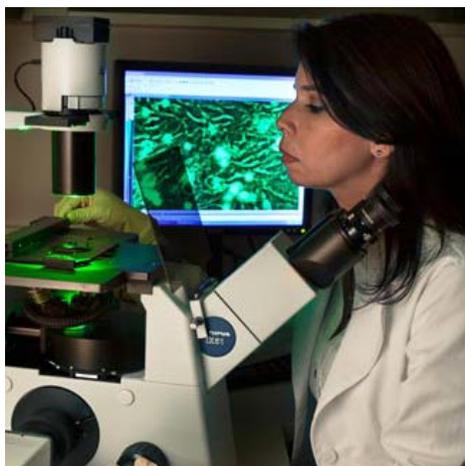


New Appointment - Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy Associate Dean for Graduate Programs – Ana Maria Castejon, Ph.D.



It is with great pleasure we announce the appointment of Ana Maria Castejon, Ph.D., to associate dean, graduate programs in the College of Pharmacy at Nova Southeastern University.

Castejon's contribution to science ranges from basic to clinical research with numerous peer-reviewed publications, scientific meeting presentations, funded grants and contracts, and a patent. Her research interests are in the field of cardiovascular risk factors and more recently, autism. Throughout her distinguished career, Castejon explored endothelial dysfunction in obese insulin-resistant patients, pharmacogenomics of salt-sensitivity, and pharmacist interventions in Hispanics with Type 2 diabetes, among others. Castejon was principal investigator in the first investigator-initiated clinical study at

NSU related to autism where she successfully led several NSU researchers from different disciplines.

As a pharmacy educator for over 20 years, Castejon mentored undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral fellows during her years in academia. She developed, coordinated and taught elective and core courses in the professional and graduate programs. Castejon was instrumental in the design of two Travel Study Programs to Slovakia. She is experienced in designing graduate programs and was involved in the design of the Masters in Pharmaceutical Sciences program and the minor in Pharmaceutical Sciences offered through the Chemistry Department at NSU. She is currently involved in a working group to implement a Master of Science in Medicinal Chemistry.

In 2002, Castejon joined the Pharmaceutical Sciences Department as a visiting scientist to conduct postdoctoral training in pharmacogenomics. Castejon completed her bachelor's degree in pharmacy and her Ph.D. degree in pharmacology at Central University of Venezuela. She served as the vice-chair, pharmaceutical sciences later becoming interim department chair over the past two years, providing valuable administrative experience.

Castejon led numerous committees at the departmental and college level and served in university-wide working groups representing the College of Pharmacy such as the STUEY committee and the Interdisciplinary Council for the Study of Autism. She also represented the college as the faculty delegate at AACP meetings. Additionally, Castejon serves as a reviewer for a number of scientific peer-reviewed journals and as a grant reviewer at the Department of Defense, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs.

We look forward to working with Castejon in her new position and wish her great success!