

VICTORIA F. ROCHE, Ph.D.

Victoria F. Roche is Professor of Pharmacy Sciences and Senior Associate Dean at the Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. Dr. Roche received the Bachelor of Science degree in both Chemistry and Spanish from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1973, and both the Masters and the Ph.D. degree in Biomedical Chemistry from the University of Nebraska College of Pharmacy, the latter in 1981. She joined the Creighton University pharmacy faculty in 1982 and has held numerous administrative positions, including Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Associate Dean for Education and Faculty Development, and Associate Dean for Administration. Throughout her academic career she has been responsible for chemistry instruction in Creighton's pharmacy program, and has offered courses in medicinal chemistry, pharmaceutical sciences principles, rational drug design and independent research. She has also developed elective courses that engage pharmacy students in service to Native American populations.

Dr. Roche is the Past President of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, and has served the Association as a member of the Janus Commission, Argus Commission, Providing Care for the Underserved Curriculum Task Force, and Chair of both the Section of Teachers of Chemistry and the Women Faculty Special Interest Group. She was the recipient of the 2007 AACP Robert K. Chalmers Distinguished Pharmacy Educator Award. With Creighton and/or external colleagues, she was a recipient of AACP Innovations in Teaching Awards in 1997, 1999 and 2007, was recognized with an Honorable Mention for her 2002 and 2005 Innovations portfolios, and received the 2000 AACP Lyman Award. Most recently she was named the AACP appointee to the Board of Directors of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, and will serve from July, 2012 through June, 2018. Dr. Roche is also a Past National President and Region V Councilor of the Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society, and has long advised Creighton's Alpha Alpha Chapter of the Society.

Dr. Roche has been the recipient of numerous pharmacy teaching and student service awards at Creighton. In 2010 she received the University's prestigious Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Award for Teaching Achievement, and she is a past recipient of the University's Distinguished Faculty Administrator Award and the Disability Support Services Director's Award. Her educational research centers on the effective instruction of medicinal chemistry to professional students, the use of written and computerized case studies in the instruction of practice-oriented medicinal chemistry, and the impact of focused education and mentored immersion experiences on IHS career selection. She is an assistant editor and case study author of *Foye's Principles of Medicinal Chemistry*, and authored the Cancer and Chemotherapy chapter in the 6th and upcoming 7th editions. She also co-authored the Central Analgesics chapter for the 7th edition. Dr. Roche is also a case author on the *Review of Organic Functional Groups* textbook (Lemke), a co-author of *The Medicinal Chemistry Case Study Workbook*, and a co-author of the *Computerized Therapeutic Case Studies in Medicinal Chemistry CD*.

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Academic Research Enhancement Program, and holds a patent on the synthesis and use of bicyclic hexahydroaporphines and octahydroisoquinolines in lowering intraocular pressure.