PROFILE OF PROFESSOR SAMUEL ASARE-NKANSAH

(PHD, MSC, B. PHARM, PGCERT MDS, MPSGH)

Professor Samuel Asare-Nkansah is a Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, and Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (FPPS) at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana (since November 2022). Prior to his current position as Dean, he served two consecutive terms as Vice-Dean (2020-2022) of the FPPS, and three terms as Head of the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, KNUST (2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2020-2022). He was also competitively elected as Professorial member of the governing council of KNUST from January 2024 to December 2025. He is currently serving as a member of the KNUST Academic Board. Besides these, he has also managed the examinations portfolio of both the FPPS and College of Health Sciences as Faculty and College Examinations Officer, respectively, and currently, a member of the University Examinations Audit Department, a department that safeguards the quality of university examinations and recommends the formulation of relevant policies to preserve the sanctity of university examinations and award of degrees to deserving graduates.

He was employed into the service of the University in February 2003 and got appointed on promotion to the rank of Senior Lecturer in August 2007 before becoming Associate Professor in August 2018, and a Full Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry in August 2023. He has since his appointment as Senior member of the University rendered diverse services to the University, Ghana and the International Community for the advancement of society. Organizations including the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC), West Africa Health Organization (WAHO), the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) and the Pharmacy Council of Ghana have used his services to advance pharmacy education, pharmacy practice and surveillance of the quality of essential medicines in circulation within the region of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). He also serves as external examiner for local and international universities; reviewer of grant applications and journals for both local and international institutions as well as visiting lecturer for local and international universities. He is also an International Advisory Board Member of the Yaoundé-Bielefeld SDG Graduate School of Cameroun.

Professor Asare-Nkansah holds Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy, Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Analysis and Quality Control from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana, Doctoral degree in Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry from the University of Münster, Germany, and Postgraduate Certificate in Management of Drug Supplies (distance learning) from the University of Aberdeen. He has expertise in bioanalytical chemistry, drug design and discovery, quality assurance of orthodox and herbal medicines, and pharmacokinetic studies, among others. He has therefore conducted research with publications, conference proceedings, abstracts and book chapters reflecting his area of expertise in several peer review journals and works of recognized publishers.

He is an alumnus of the German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD), University of Michigan African Presidential Scholars' Programme (UMAPS); Member of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana, and Member of the Academic, Research and Social Pharmacists' Association.