

# Ardmore's Gourley Honored by SWOSU College of Pharmacy

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Gourley was honored at the SWOSU College of Pharmacy's annual awards convocation held on the Weatherford campus. The SWOSU College of Pharmacy Alumni Association sponsors the award.

A 1967 graduate of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy, Gourley has devoted over 35 years to the practice of pharmacy in a variety of settings.

In 1970, Gourley was asked by a friend to serve as a consultant pharmacist to Arbuckle Memorial Hospital in Sulphur. The encounter proved to be the initiation point for her long career in rural hospital pharmacy, including stints at Ardmore, Hobbs, N.M., Marietta and Madill.

She developed many of the needed policies and procedures for that rural hospital and was directly involved in the evolution of rural hospital pharmacy developments in Oklahoma from that time until today. Although Gourley has practiced in other settings, her primary focus has been in rural hospital pharmacy practice as a pharmacist, consultant and director.

Her expertise in rural hospital pharmacy practice has resulted in many other professional roles. She chaired the committee that developed and implemented the rules and regulations for the hospital drug rooms in Oklahoma that are frequently the primary source for pharmacy in rural hospital settings.

Gourley is a member of the Oklahoma Society and American Society of Health-System Pharmacists organizations, American Pharmacists Association and the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association and has been very active in professional pharmacy organizations, including the legislative committees of OPHA and OSHP, the DUR advisory board to the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority, the formulary board for Advanced Practice Nurses, and continuing education committees. Gourley is a past president and executive council member of OPHA and a member of the SWOSU Pharmacy Alumni Foundation board of directors.