



Name & degrees as they should appear on the ballot

Sheila Goertemoeller PharmD, DABAT, ICPS, FAACT

Affirmation that you are a member in good standing of AACT and ABAT

I am a member in good standing with AACT and ABAT.

Current positions

At my poison center

Clinical Toxicologist

Clinical Education Specialist II

Pharmacy students and residents Preceptor

Quality Improvement committee Lead

Clinical Guideline committee Lead

Toxicology Grand Rounds Coordinator

HCP outreach Lead

Adjunct professor of Tox Elective, College of Pharmacy

Drug Use Prevention Specialist (Ohio Chemical Dependency Board Certified)

ABAT

2014-now Member

ABAT Multiple Choice Exam Committee

AACT

2025-current NACCT abstract reviewer

2023-current AACT Tox Q of the day committee

2025 Fellowship status of American Academy of Clinical Toxicology

I have attended 16 NACCT conferences and presented 35 posters

ACMT

2022-current Position Statement and Guideline committee

2026 – current Affiliate committee for recruitment

APC

2015 Fatality review team

2012-2014 Chair FYI newsletter

2010-2012 FYI newsletter subcommittee of SPI committee

2010 – 2012 Quiz Bowl subcommittee of SPI committee

2016 CSPI exam reviewer

Biography

I am Sheila Goertemoeller, a lifelong student of toxicology.

I immigrated to the United States from India at 14, having failed my high school English entrance exam; it was my science score that carried me forward. At 19, the summer before pharmacy school, I took a position at the Cincinnati Drug and Poison Information Center to strengthen my language skills. I did not realize then that I found my true love language, toxicology. I have spent my entire adult life at the poison center, growing alongside the field that gave me my voice.

For more than three decades, my career has evolved with that purpose. I served as a pharmacy intern from 1995-98, then a CSPI from 1998-2014. As a CSPI I worked on projects and committees whenever I could whether teaching, training, or writing. On a national level I served on the SPI committee chairing the FYI newsletter. Coming from a family rife with addiction, I sought an addiction prevention certification from the Ohio Chemical Dependency Board and give drug misuse lectures to mental/ public health organizations. In 2014 I credentialed and earned my DABAT certification, marking an important milestone in my clinical toxicology journey. As a clinical toxicologist my hotline role shifted into quality improvement where I “coached” and gave feedback to hotline staff, developed clinical guidelines, and elevated our documentation practice standards. In 2020 I stepped into a Clinical Toxicology Educator position in which I represent Poison Control via doing blogs, newsletters, case reports, publications, interviews, podcasts, and recorded a toxicology lecture series for health care students. I continue to review our hotline cases and teach/train new and existing poison control staff. One passion project is sharing Toxicology guidelines with my fellow clinical and medical toxicologists.

In 2024 I started and run a CE-accredited monthly Toxicology Grand Rounds that now connects regional providers, health departments, and national poison center colleagues. I kickstarted a toxicology rotation for pharmacy students and PGY-1,2 residents. In 2025 I launched a two-credit Toxicology elective at my alma mater the University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy, fulfilling a 30-year dream, and created Poison Pearls, a monthly publication for healthcare professionals. Being named a Fellow of the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology in 2025 is an honor I hold deeply, not for the title, but for the journey it reflects.

Teaching is one of my greatest passions, yet I remain, first and always, a student of Toxicology and all things Science. Toxicology did not just shape my career; it gave me a voice when I was still searching for one.

Beyond my work, I bring that same energy to life. I enjoy lifting heavy, chasing new personal records, and spending time outdoors appreciating flora and fauna. My greatest achievement, however, is the family I created. My husband, Mike, my pharmacy school sweetheart, and I have raised two of the best humans, Maya, now a medical student, and Kyle, a college freshman with Law school dreams. Sharing a love of curiosity and learning with them has been my greatest privilege.

Even now, 31 years after I started at my poison center, I am still listening, still learning, and still speaking the toxicology language I was meant to speak.

Platform/first-person statement about why you wish to be elected

I am honored to be nominated for a position on the ABAT Advisory Board. My name is Sheila Goertemoeller, and I have proudly served as a DABAT since 2014. I respectfully ask for your vote to represent our community and contribute to the continued advancement of our profession and certification.

Earning my DABAT certification was a defining milestone not only in my career, but in my life. In a landscape with many board certifications, I take particular pride in belonging to a field with a distinct and meaningful credential that reflects both expertise and dedication to toxicology. That pride has always fueled my commitment to the ABAT.

Throughout my career, I have actively served on local, state, and national committees, gaining valuable experience in leadership and governance. I approach service with what I consider a “Triple C” philosophy: communication, collaboration, and competency. Effective communication is foundational to any successful board mission, ensuring transparency and shared understanding. Collaboration allows us to bring together diverse perspectives, navigate challenges, and find common ground in pursuit of our shared mission. Competency ensures that we not only set goals, but see them through with accountability, critical thinking, and problem-solving. At its core, ABAT thrives on trust and expertise, and the “Triple C” philosophy is how I contribute to both: communicating transparently, collaborating intentionally, and executing with competency.

I am deeply committed to serving this field that has given me so much. If elected, I will bring 31 years of poison control experience, perspective, and a genuine passion for advancing ABAT and supporting its members. Regardless of the outcome, I will continue to serve as a proud DABAT and advocate for excellence in toxicology.

With gratitude,
Sheila Goertemoeller