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# **SOWEGA-AHEC Contract**

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Faculty from the Georgia Southern University, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Management has been awarded a contract by the Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center to conduct a regional healthcare workforce needs assessment. The assessment will serve leadership across a 38 county region of Southwest Georgia. The health professions assessed include nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, health information technology professionals and licensed behavioral health professionals. The assessment includes quantitative analysis, qualitative analysis and workforce supply and demand forecast modeling. Dr. Bill Mase and Dr. Bettye Apenteng serve as Principal Investigators with Dr. Gulzar Shah and Dr. Yelena Tarasenko as co-investigators.

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# ***ORISE Research Participation***

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Dr. Gulzar Shah, Associate Dean for Research at the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health Georgia Southern University was recently appointed as an Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) research participant, in “recognition of (his) academic excellence and scientific achievements”. The **ORISE Research Participation Programs at the CDC** are educational and training programs designed to provide university faculty and students opportunities to participate in project-specific CDC research, current public health research and developmental activities. Through participation in ORISE program, Dr. Shah will collaborate with CDC researchers to perform research on topics in public health services and systems research (PHSSR). His interdisciplinary training and multi-sector work experience spans over 19 years, with appointments in both academia and public health practice agencies, nationally and internationally.

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