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Before leaving Somalia, Abdirashid completed his B.Sc. in Biological Sciences in 1988 from Lafole College of Education, Somali National University. On February 1989, Abdirashid became an Assistant Lecturer of Biological Sciences at the college, the position he held until he left Somalia in January 1991.

Abdirashid received a scholarship in 1994 to enroll an M.Sc. program in Medical Parasitology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), University of London which he completed in 1995. He was a staff member at LSHTM between 1996 and 2001. While he was working at LSHTM, he matriculated a Ph.D. program in Molecular Parasitology in 1999 which he

completed in 2003.

Abdirashid moved to the United States around end of 2003 and on January 2004 became a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the University of Iowa, Iowa City. Abdirashid then relocated in 2005 to Rochester Minnesota and began his eight and half-year career at Mayo Clinic where he has reached an Assistant Professorship rank when he was leaving at Mayo Clinic in June 2013. Between August 2013 and August 2015, Abdirashid was an Assistant Professor at King Saud bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sciences, Al Ahsa, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Abdirashid has nearly 25 publications including peer-reviewed manuscripts, review articles, editorials and book chapter. Abdirashid has also published nearly 20 abstracts and presented both at national and international meetings.

Abdirashid's research interest has evolved over the years and he is currently interested in minority health and health disparities. He is specifically interested in understanding the barriers for access to preventive health care and utilization of health care services among immigrant and minority communities in the United States.

Dr. Shire's academic publications

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=shire+a>