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Upon completion of her undergraduate medical education, she trained in the Combined Internal Medicine and Psychiatry Residency Program at the Medical University of South Carolina. During her last year she served as Chief Resident.

In October 2010, she joined the faculty at Augusta University as an Assistant Professor with dual appointments in the departments of Internal Medicine and Psychiatry. She currently serves as the Medical Director of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry Service, as an Outpatient Internal Medicine Attending, and as one of the core faculty members in the Essentials of Clinical Medicine Phase I/Phase II courses. She has also served as the Clinical Advisor for the Student National Medical Association for the last 10 years. Her dedication to the mission of clinical education, service and teaching have most recently afforded her the following awards and recognitions, including: 2017 Medical College of Georgia Faculty Senate Patient Care Award, 2017 Augusta University Department of Psychiatry Faculty Award, 2018 Gold Humanism in Medicine Induction Ceremony Keynote Speaker, the 2019 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award, the 2019 Association of Medicine and Psychiatry Roger Kathol Pioneering Spirit Award, the 2020 Augusta University Health PFCC Impact Award, , and the 2020 Exemplary Teacher Award.

Dr. Spearman-McCarthy is a Lifetime Member of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College (NAASC) and has served the organization in many roles at the local, regional, and national levels. Currently she serves as the President of the NAASC Augusta Chapter, as a NAASC SE Region Delegate, and as a member of the NAASC Health and Wellness Committee. When not engaged in clinical and professional activities, Dr. Spearman-McCarthy enjoys being actively engaged in community service, mentoring youth, participating in activities at her church, spending time with family, and playing clarinet in the Augusta Concert Band.

She is happily married to Charles E. McCarthy, a pharmaceutical process engineer and Facilities Manager at AmbioPharm, Inc. They have one son named Benedict.