

St. Joseph Medical Center

PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency in an Ambulatory Setting

1717 S. J Street, Tacoma, WA 98405

RESIDENCY YEAR 2024-2025

APPLICATION DUE DATE: January 2, 2024

Residency Director: Kristin Peterson, PharmD, BCACP

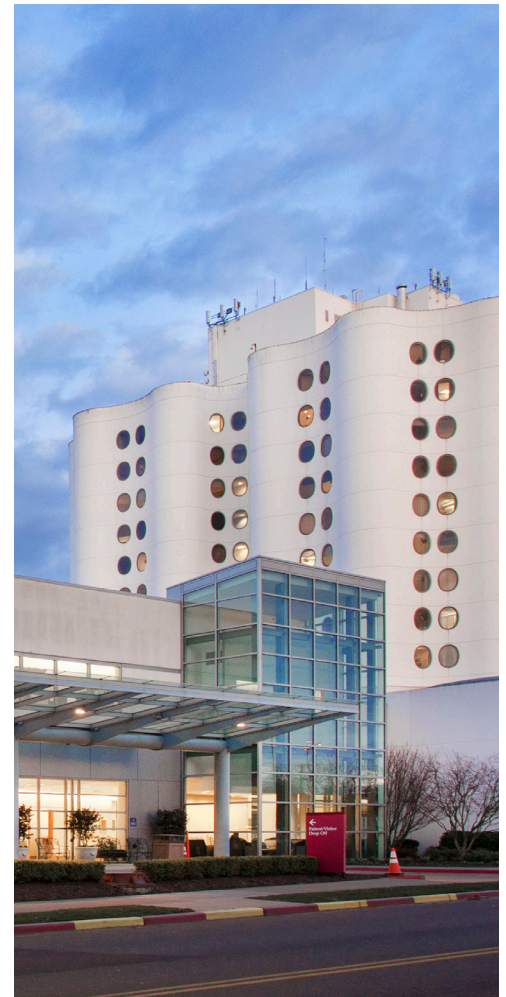
Residency Coordinator: Kara Crane, PharmD, BCACP

Residency Program Overview

The St. Joseph Medical Center PGY1 residency program in an ambulatory setting is an ASHP accredited program that began July 2020 with two resident positions. This residency program is an expansion into the ambulatory care arena to match our developed ambulatory care services including over 25 pharmacists practicing in primary care, heart failure, rheumatology, population health, oncology, anticoagulation and hospice. Since 1985 St. Joseph Medical Center has provided an excellent PGY1 residency program experience in an acute care setting. We strive to develop a foundation of critical thinking and leadership skills that will promote continuous professional development and innovation in healthcare. Our program fosters a skill set to prepare residents for practice as clinical pharmacists in a variety of patient care, academic, and research settings, including PGY2 residency and fellowship experiences. The residency recruits for two resident positions from candidates throughout the United States.

The residency program is focused on providing diverse opportunities to develop proficient clinicians in provider clinics, pharmacist-run clinics, and population health arenas. Additionally, the residency provides experiences to intricately understand the patient's continuum of care from acute to ambulatory to hospice settings. During the program, the resident will establish and manage a yearlong project geared towards creating or optimizing pharmacy services provided in the ambulatory care setting. As integral members of the health care team, residents work to achieve optimal drug therapy outcomes for their patients. They will display leadership and professionalism in all aspects of their practice and function as effective communicators and educators.

Our residency program, based in a non-academic health care setting, has become a catalyst for innovative pharmacy practice models within Virginia Mason Franciscan Health (VMFH). Rotation areas are designed to provide the resident with a well-rounded clinical and administrative experience. Within each rotation, additional time may be devoted to areas of interest, thus providing the opportunity for specialized training. Clinical rotations are designed to enhance the resident's expertise in promoting, assessing and ensuring safe, efficacious and rational drug therapy.



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Required Rotations (1st half of year)

Residency Orientation/Anticoagulation	4 weeks
Primary Care – Introduction	4 weeks
Elective 1 (Heart Failure, Oncology, or Rheumatology)	4 weeks
Elective 2 (Heart Failure, Oncology, or Rheumatology)	4 weeks
Practice Management	3 weeks
Community Pharmacy	3 weeks
Acute Care Transitions of Care (ID/ED/IM)	6 weeks



Required Rotations (2nd half of year – 20 weeks)

Primary Care – Longitudinal	2-3 days per week
Population Health	1 day every 2 weeks
Advanced Elective (Heart Failure, Oncology, or Rheumatology)	1 day per week

Required Rotations (Continuous)

Formulary Management, Precepting, Residency Project	
Staffing Anticoagulation Clinic	2 weekdays per month
Staffing Hospice.	2 weekend days per month

Elective Rotations (2nd half of year) – Choose One

Advanced Heart Failure, Advanced Oncology, or Advanced Rheumatology . . . 1 day per week for 20 weeks

Stipend and Benefits

Benefits include 30 days of Paid Time Off, medical dental and life insurance for residents and dependents. Paid educational leave and a travel allowance are available to support attendance at state and national meetings. The current stipend is \$69,264 annually/\$33.30 per hour.

Residency Project - Continuous

Residents conduct a project aimed at identifying, organizing and solving a clinical or management related problem that aligns with the organizations’ strategic initiatives and focus. This often leads to protocol/guideline development or new roles for pharmacists. This project will be presented at the Western States Conference for Pharmacy Residents, Fellows and Preceptors. The resident will be encouraged to submit the project for publication and present at state or national pharmacy meetings.

Additional Required Longitudinal Experiences - Continuous

Longitudinal experiences will occur throughout the residency year and encompass activities such as performing Drug Utilization Evaluations, presenting recommendations to Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committees, student precepting and creating a monthly newsletter directed to VMFH clinical staff. Residents will also be directly involved in the education of providers, nurses and the care team.

South Sound Living

Tacoma rests in the heart of Puget Sound. With Mt. Rainier and the Cascade Mountains to the east and the Olympic Mountains to the northwest, Tacoma is a great place to enjoy the majesty of the Pacific Northwest. The Seattle-Tacoma region offers beautiful hikes, boating and fishing opportunities, breweries and wineries, major league sports, museums, theater, wonderful restaurants, skiing, camping, biking, and more!