

St. Joseph Medical Center PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency

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RESIDENCY YEAR 2024-2025
APPLICATION DUE DATE: January 2, 2024

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RESIDENCY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The St. Joseph Medical Center PGY1 residency is an ASHP-accredited PGY1 residency program that has provided a robust practice-based experience since 1985. We strive to develop a foundation of critical thinking and leadership skills that will promote continuous professional development and innovation in healthcare. Our program affirms a dedication to diversity, equity, and inclusion practices in an effort to improve healthcare for underserved and marginalized populations while enhancing our learning and professional work environments.

Learning experiences are available across 4 community hospitals and multiple clinics, allowing residents to experience diversity in practice settings and patient populations in order to build on PharmD education. Our program fosters creation of a skill set to prepare residents for practice as clinicians in a variety of patient care, academic, and research settings, as well as eligibility for PGY2 residency training, fellowship, and board certification. The residency recruits for 6 resident positions from candidates throughout the United States.

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 healthcare setting, has become a catalyst for innovative pharmacy practice models within VMFH and throughout Western Washington. In addition to orientation and the resident project, there are eight required rotations and four required longitudinal experiences. 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.



Required Rotations – 40 weeks

Residents participate in eight required rotations spanning 40 weeks, with the opportunity for further experiences based on individual background and interests. All of these rotations are direct patient care rotations with the exception of Practice Management.

Ambulatory Care	4 weeks
Critical Care	8 weeks
Emergency Medicine	6 weeks
Infectious Disease	4 weeks
Internal Medicine	6 weeks
NICU	4 weeks
Oncology	6 weeks
Practice Management	4 weeks

Optional Rotations – 4 weeks

Optional rotations are direct patient care specialty rotations. Additionally, residents have the opportunity to propose and create alternative rotations based on clinical interests.

Advanced Ambulatory Care	2-4 weeks
Advanced Critical Care	2-4 weeks
Advanced ED	2-4 weeks
Advanced ID / AMS	2-4 weeks
Advanced Internal Medicine	2-4 weeks
Advanced NICU	2 weeks
Advanced Oncology	2-4 weeks
Hospice	2 weeks

ORIENTATION & CONCENTRATED LEARNING – 4 WEEKS

During orientation, residents are expected to acquire the following general skills necessary to care for patients in required rotations and longitudinal experiences. The following education will be provided during this orientation time:

- Anticoagulation Management
- Aminoglycoside Dosing
- Basic Pharmacy Skills
- Code Blue
- EPIC Training
- Pain Management
- Renal Dosing Adjustment
- TPN
- Vancomycin Dosing

RESIDENCY PROJECT – LONGITUDINAL EXPERIENCE

Residents conduct a project aimed at identifying, organizing and solving a clinical or management-related problem that aligns with the organization's strategic initiatives and focus. This often leads to protocol/guideline development or new roles for pharmacists. This project will be presented formally the resident will be encouraged to submit the project for publication and present at state or national pharmacy meetings.

OTHER REQUIRED LONGITUDINAL EXPERIENCES

Longitudinal experiences span the residency year and encompass activities such as performing Drug Utilization Evaluations, presenting monographs or therapeutic class recommendations to Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committees, contributing to a monthly newsletter for VMFH clinical staff, and student precepting. Residents will also be directly involved in the education of providers, pharmacist interns and pharmacy technicians, and may elect to complete a teaching certificate program. Longitudinal staffing will provide additional opportunities for residents to continually apply knowledge and skills throughout the year.

STIPEND & BENEFITS

Benefits include 30 days of paid time off (PTO) accrued for use as vacation, holiday or sick leave, as well as medical, dental and life insurance for residents and dependents. Residents may be eligible for conference participation. The current stipend is \$69,264 annually (\$33.30/hr).

SOUTH SOUND LIVING

Tacoma rests in the heart of the Puget Sound, halfway between Seattle and Olympia, the state's capital. 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, local breweries and wineries, major league sports, museums, theater, wonderful restaurants, a symphony orchestra, skiing, camping, biking and much more!



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To apply for the 2024-2025 residency year, access the PhORCAS application portal, create an account and register with the ASHP Resident Matching Program. Select VMFH Franciscan St. Joseph Medical Center, Tacoma, Washington using Match Code: 168413.

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