

St. Joseph Medical Center PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency

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RESIDENCY YEAR 2023-2024
APPLICATION DUE DATE: December 30, 2022

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Residency Program Overview

St. Joseph Medical Center is an ASHP-accredited PGY1 residency program established in 1985, providing experiences in acute care, ambulatory care, and pharmacy leadership. 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 six residency positions from candidates throughout the United States. St. Joseph Medical Center is the largest of eight hospitals in the VMFH network.

Pharmacists completing this program will function as independent patient-focused practitioners who are able to provide care in multiple environments across the pharmacy practice continuum. 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 hospital environment, has become a catalyst for innovative pharmacy practice models within VMFH. 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	2-6 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 Oncology
- 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 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.

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. 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. Paid educational leave and a travel allowance are available to support attendance at state, regional and national meetings. The current stipend is \$60,132 annually (\$28.91/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 2023-2024 residency year, access the PhORCAS application portal, create an account and register with the ASHP Resident Matching Program. Select CHI Franciscan St. Joseph Medical Center, Tacoma, Washington using Match Code: 168413.

Contact Shannon Fry at ShannonFry@chifranciscan.org with any questions. Learn more at chifranciscan.org/Careers/Pharmacy-Residency