

St. Joseph Medical Center PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency



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RESIDENCY YEAR 2025-2026

APPLICATION DUE DATE: January 2

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Residency Coordinators: Brad Roggenbach, PharmD
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Number of positions: 4



RESIDENCY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The St. Joseph Medical Center PGY1 residency is an ASHP accredited 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 four community hospitals and multiple clinics, allowing residents to experience diversity in practice settings and patient populations in order to build upon PharmD training. 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. As integral members of the healthcare 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 the year long residency research project, there are three required longitudinal and eight required practice-based rotations designed to provide the resident with a well-rounded clinical and administrative experience. Within each rotation, additional time may be devoted to specific 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.

ORIENTATION & CONCENTRATED LEARNING - 4 WEEKS

During orientation, residents are expected to acquire the following general skills necessary to care for patients in subsequent required rotations and longitudinal experiences:

- Anticoagulation management
- Antiemetic dosing for chemotherapy
- Antimicrobial stewardship practices
- Aminoglycoside dosing
- Chemotherapy plan management
- Code Blue management
- Epic® training
- Glycemic control management
- Order verification, compounding, and product checking
- Pain management
- Renal dosing adjustment
- TPN/PPN management
- Vancomycin dosing

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 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

Elective Rotations – 4 weeks

Elective rotations are direct patient care specialty rotations. All will be 2-4 weeks in duration. In addition to those listed here, residents may propose and create alternative rotations based on areas of clinical interest.

- Advanced Ambulatory Care
- Advanced Critical Care
- Advanced Emergency Medicine
- Advanced Infectious Disease
- Advanced Internal Medicine
- Advanced NICU
- Advanced Oncology
- Hospice

LONGITUDINAL RESIDENCY RESEARCH PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Residents will 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. Successful past projects have resulted in protocol/guideline development and the addition of new pharmacist service lines. This longitudinal research project will be presented formally and the resident will be encouraged to submit their final manuscript for publication.

ADDITIONAL LONGITUDINAL EXPERIENCES

Required experiences related to formulary management, resource stewardship, and clinical practice improvement will span the residency year. These additional program components encompass activities such as performing medication use evaluation, attending all P&T Committee meetings, contributing to a monthly newsletter for VMFH clinical staff, completing preferred drug reviews to support hospital-based infusion clinics, and leading presentations to include a regional facilitated discussion on an issue related to health inequity, inclusive practices, and/or identification of implicit biases.

Residents will have opportunities to work with pharmacy students, both on rotation and in serving as assigned mentors, within the longitudinal student precepting experience. 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 experiences provide additional opportunities to continually apply knowledge and skills throughout the year.

STIPEND & BENEFITS

Benefits include 30 days of paid time off to be accrued for use as vacation, holiday or sick leave, in addition to medical, dental and life insurance for the resident, their partner and/or dependents. Travel funds to regional and national conferences may be available. The current stipend is \$69,264 annually (\$33.30/hr).

SOUTH SOUND LIVING

In the heart of the Puget Sound, Tacoma and Pierce County rise from sea level to the 14,410 foot crest of Mt. Rainier. Located in Western Washington, halfway between the state's largest city, Seattle and the state's capital, Olympia; Tacoma is bounded on the west by Puget Sound, with the Olympic Mountains in the distant northwest, and on the east by the Cascade Range.



Tacoma is the major community in Pierce County, the state's second most populated county. A selection of year-round activities reinforces the quality of life in the Puget Sound area: boating, hiking, camping, running, biking, golfing and seasonal sports such as fresh and saltwater fishing, skiing, and swimming.

What's there to see and do in your spare time? Climb Mt. Rainier, Mt. Adams or Mt. Baker; fish for salmon; walk in the VMFH-sponsored annual Heart Walk; tour the waterfront; take a ferry to Victoria, BC; browse through world-class museums; see renowned glass makers at work in the Museum of Glass; watch local theater productions; hear a symphony orchestra; visit the Pt. Defiance Zoo and Aquarium with 700 acres of lush city park; taste wine at local wineries; sail the waters of Puget Sound; ski at one of eight local ski areas within a 200 mile radius; or attend major league baseball, football, hockey, and soccer games; among much more!

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To apply for the 2025-2026 residency year, access the PhORCAS application portal to create an account and register with the ASHP Resident Matching Program.

Select *Virginia Mason Franciscan Health - St. Joseph Medical Center* (Match Code 168413)

Please contact Bradley.Roggenbach@commonspirit.org or Serena.VonRuden@commonspirit.org with any questions. We look forward to telling you more about our amazing program!



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