



PGY1 Community-Based Pharmacy Residency Programs at Walgreens

PGY1 Community-Based Pharmacy Residency Program Purpose: To build upon the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and outcomes to develop community-based pharmacist practitioners with diverse patient care, leadership, and education skills who are eligible to pursue advanced training opportunities including postgraduate year two (PGY2) residencies and professional certifications.

Why a Residency?

The role of the pharmacist is ever changing in our complex health care system. Advanced training through a residency program prepares a pharmacist to provide compassionate patient care for the members of their community, achieve professional goals, and become a leader within the profession while contributing to the advancement of health care.

Community-based residency programs provide training to develop the resident's knowledge and skills in four competency areas.



Patient Care



Leadership and Management



Advancing Practice and Improving Patient Care



Teaching, Education and Dissemination of Knowledge

While each residency program at Walgreens is unique, examples of activities that a resident participates in over the course of the residency program year could include:

Patient Care

- Delivering medication management services, providing disease-state management services, administering immunizations, assisting patients through transitions of care, providing health and wellness programs
- Participating in the patient-centered dispensing process

Leadership and Management

- Managing operations and services of community pharmacy practice
- Developing personal and professional leadership skills.
- Participating in community outreach activities and professional pharmacy advocacy initiatives

Advancing Practice and Improving Patient Care

- Conducting practice-based research
- Developing and implementing clinical services
- Leading management projects focused on quality improvement and business development

Teaching, Education and Dissemination of Knowledge

- Presenting educational training and lectures to students, patients, and health care providers
- Serving as a preceptor to students and participating in other teaching opportunities

How Can a Residency at Walgreens Further My Career?

Residents who have completed a residency program with Walgreens have gone on to assume positions in specialty community pharmacy, traditional community pharmacy, and clinic based practice. Some residents have chosen to complete a postgraduate year two residency (PGY2) program. Several residents have obtained additional professional credentials and board certification.

How Did Your Residency Program Prepare You For Practice?



"I've been able to develop a deeper connection not only with my patients but also with my purpose and passion. I transitioned into community-based practice with confidence, preparedness, and clinical acumen that has enabled me to lift my colleagues and contribute to the greater success of our site. The qualities of professionalism and integrity that a resident builds during their training carry over and become a foundation of everyday interactions."

Patryk Kornecki, PharmD, RPh, CSP
Regional Account Executive
Walgreens and Northeastern University
2016-2017



"By placing me into various experiences within the company and community, I was able to apply my knowledge from pharmacy school to all of the experiences and grow on what I learned didactically. I was able to practice my skills while working as an independent practitioner. Since I was given formal and constructive feedback, I was able to further develop my skills."

Faith Childress, PharmD
Pharmacy Manager
Walgreens and Sullivan University
2014-2015



"My year of residency allowed me to gain confidence in providing medication counseling and education to our patients with new, life changing diagnoses. It prepared me clinically by providing abundant patient care opportunities in ambulatory and community pharmacy settings. Completing the residency has opened many doors in my career. I truly love my job and do not think I would have found this passion for specialty without my extra year of clinical training."

Sarah Kwasigroch, PharmD, MBA,
BCACP, AAHIVP
Registered Manager, Community-based
Specialty Pharmacy
Walgreens and University of Illinois
2011-2012

Residency Program Opportunities

Based on the program, residents will have different experiences in the types of patient care services provided, the disease state supported, and the educational opportunities available.

- UNC Eschelman School of Pharmacy
- MCPHS University-Worcester
- Campbell University
- University of Minnesota
- University of Rhode Island
- Mercer University
- Western New England University
- MCPHS University-Boston
- Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- Walgreens and Purdue University
- Walgreens and University of Illinois
- Walgreens and Midwestern University
- Walgreens and University of Houston
- Walgreens and UCSF
- Walgreens and Northeastern University
- Walgreens and St Louis College of Pharmacy
- Walgreens and Howard University
- Walgreens and Rutgers University
- Walgreens and Northeastern University
- Walgreens and Nova Southeastern University
- Walgreens and the University of Cincinnati
- Walgreens, Jackson, MS
- Walgreens, Kansas City, MO

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