PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency

Spectrum Health Delivery System is a large dynamic system that strives to improve health, inspire hope and save lives. The health care team of Spectrum Health accomplishes these goals with over 4000 physicians and advance practice providers, 14 hospitals and 155 ambulatory locations. Spectrum Health has continued to train pharmacists with advanced care residencies since 2001.

Purpose

Our team at Spectrum Health is committed to providing the highest quality post graduate training in ambulatory care pharmacy practice. Our post graduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency program intends to build on ones Doctor of Pharmacy education and post graduate year one (PGY1) residency training to further develop you in to an advanced practice clinical pharmacist. In successfully completing our PGY2 pharmacy residency program will prepare you to have the skills necessary to build interdisciplinary practices, pioneer new pharmacy services, and assist in growing existing programs.

Overview

Spectrum Health Medical Group has continued to advance pharmacy practice in ambulatory care over the last five years with a recent growth to a total of 12 unique primary care clinics. Clinical pharmacy services are provided through a collaborative practice agreement in a multidisciplinary team setting. The structured learning within our team allows for exposure to various populations across West Michigan, stretching from downtown Grand Rapids to the beautiful shores of North Muskegon and Holland.

Strengths of the Spectrum Health PGY2 Ambulatory Pharmacy Residency:

- Completion of a major research project
- Design and implement a service project that align with department priorities and the resident’s area of interests
- Precept health care learners through modeling and mentoring of patient care experiences and project assignments
- Scheduling flexibility allowing for a variety of elective rotations allowing residents to pursue experiences in their areas of interest
- Direct mentoring for continuous professional development and success within the program.

Requirements

- **For application:**
  - Graduates of an ACPE accredited pharmacy program
  - Successful completion of PGY1 residency program confirmed by submission of PGY1 Completion Certificate.
  - Eligible for licensure to practice pharmacy in the state of Michigan within 90 days of start date, to include a controlled substance license.

- **For successful PGY2 residency completion:**
The Spectrum Health (PGY2) Ambulatory Pharmacy Residency must be a minimum of 12 months in length (full-time practice commitment or equivalent) with successful completion of required, elective, and longitudinal rotations.

The resident and program will comply with AHSP-duty hour standards and will acknowledge throughout the residency year at least monthly:

- BLS certification within 30 days of start date or active BLS certification (if certified)
- Denotation of ‘Achieved for Residency’ (ACHR) for 85% of the program’s designated goals and objective(s)
- Denotation of completion of all the PGY2 Ambulatory Appendix topic areas
- Denotation of ‘Achieved for Residency’ (ACHR) for Goal R2.2 with regards to the resident’s major quality improvement or research project, including:
  - Identify a primary preceptor and communicate regularly regarding ongoing status of the project (at least every other month to RAC)
  - Development and submission of a IRB-protocol to IRB (or submission of waiver if deemed quality improvement project)
  - Collect and Evaluate Data (to be completed by conference abstract deadline)
  - Submit abstract and perform presentation at a national pharmacy organization’s conference (ASHP or ACCP)
  - Develop a manuscript and submit to preceptors for feedback prior end of residency
  - Summarize and present any pharmacy practice changes or future/ongoing processes to the pharmacy department by end of June
  - Closure of resident research study with IRB or transfer of study to an individual remaining at Spectrum Health
- Submit a Poster for presentation (i.e. Research in Progress) to present at ASHP Midyear Clinical Annual Meeting
- Completion of at least 2 Academic Lecture(s) including, but not limited to: ACPE-accredited Pharmacy Grand Rounds (1 Contact Hour; Spectrum Health); ambulatory care lecture topic (1 Contact Hour; Ferris State College of Pharmacy)
- Completion of at least 1 minor project including, but not limited to: process improvement, creating a business plan
- If not obtained in Postgraduate Year One (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency, completion of Pharmacy Education Development and Lecture Series Teaching Certificate Program through Ferris State University or equivalent teaching certificate
- Completion and submission of PharmAcademic evaluations and Electronic Archive reviewed by Resident Program Director by the end of residency
Rotations and Experiences

The first month of the residency program consists of orientation to the residency program, pharmacy department, health system, and training in the service commitment area.

Required Rotations include:
- Orientation (6 weeks)
- Cardiology (Advanced Heart Failure Clinic) * (6 weeks)
- Advanced Internal/Family Medicine (resident serves as primary preceptor for student) (6 weeks)
- Residency clinic

Required longitudinal experiences include:
- Internal Medicine clinic (at least 1 day per week for 6 months)
- Family Medicine clinic (at least 1 day per week for 6 months)
- Pharmacy Administration/Leadership (1 day per week for second half of year)
- Service commitment (all year)
- Major project (all year)

Elective Rotations include:
- Bone marrow transplant clinic
- Oncology (United Hospital)
- HIV clinic (offsite)**
- Primary Care with a focus in Chronic Pain Management*
- Medication Use and Safety
- Academia/Research
- Ambulatory Pharmacy Informatics

*Denotes rotations that can be repeated based on resident interest
** Pending final approval at this time.

Service Commitment

The resident’s service commitment will consist of video or telephonic Comprehensive Medication Management services for Spectrum Health Medical Group Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+) designated offices. This will include one evening per week (4 hours after regular rotation hours) and every third weekend on Saturday (4 hours).

Stipend and Benefits

Pharmacy residents receive a competitive compensation package which includes an annual salary, health benefits, and paid time off.
- **Stipend/ salary:** The annual residency stipend is $45,000
- **Benefits:** Residents are eligible for medical, dental, vision, and life insurance.
- **Paid Time Off (PTO):** PTO days include vacation, sick, and personal days. There are six recognized paid holidays: Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day, and Memorial Day. PTO utilization and regulation will follow Spectrum Health’s ‘Paid Time Off’ Policy and procedure.
- **Travel expenses:** Paid travel expenses (hotel, registration, transportation) to ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and one other meeting
Office & Resources: The resident shares an office with PGY1 residents and will have additional office space at the Widdicomb building. The resident is supplied with individual computer workstation, electronic Lexi-Comp® subscriptions, white lab coat, telephones, office supplies, photocopying privileges and business cards.

Application
The Spectrum Health Ambulatory Care post graduate year two participates in the match and is a pre-candidate for accreditation by ASHP. PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency National Matching Service Code: 633065 PGY2-Ambulatory Care

All PGY2 residency applications will be accepted through the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS). Application Requirements:

- Completed Application
- Letter of Intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three Completed Standardized Reference Forms in PhORCAS, preferably from ambulatory care rotations
- Verified Transcripts

Interview
Interviews are a half-day and generally on Fridays in January and/or February.

All candidates selected for an on-site interview will be expected to prepare and present a 15 minute presentation to the Spectrum Health Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Advisory Committee (RAC).

All candidates selected for an on-site interview will be required to submit an additional application on the Spectrum Health website and will be interviewed by phone by a Human Resources representative.

Match
The Spectrum Health Medical Group residency site agrees that no person will solicit, accept, or use any ranking related information from any residency applicant. All match offers are contingent on the application process including, but not limited to, reference checks, background checks, and obtaining licensure as a pharmacist in the State of Michigan within 90 days of the start date.

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