PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency

Spectrum Health is a large, dynamic health care system that strives to improve health, inspire hope and save lives. Spectrum Health accomplishes these goals with over 4,200 physicians and advanced practice providers, 14 hospitals and 230 ambulatory locations. Spectrum Health has provided pharmacist training through advanced care residencies since 2001.

Purpose

Our team at Spectrum Health is committed to providing the highest-quality postgraduate training in ambulatory care pharmacy practice. Our Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2) Pharmacy Residency Program intends to build on one’s Doctor of Pharmacy education and Postgraduate Year One (PGY1) residency training to further develop you into an advanced practice clinical pharmacist. Our PGY2 Pharmacy Residency program will prepare you with 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 expansion 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 implementation of a service project that aligns with department priorities and the resident’s areas of interest
- Precept health care learners through modeling and mentoring of patient care experiences and project assignments
- Scheduling flexibility allowing for a variety of elective rotations, enabling residents to pursue experiences in their areas of interest
- Direct mentoring for continuous professional development and success within the program.

Requirements

- For application:
  - Graduate 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:
  o 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
  o The resident and program will comply with AHSP-duty hour standards and will acknowledge throughout the residency year at least monthly: (http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/Accreditation/Regulations-Standards/Duty-Hours.aspx)
  o BLS certification within 30 days of start date or active BLS certification (if certified)
  o Denotation of “Achieved for Residency” (ACHR) for 85% of the program’s designated goals and objective(s)
  o Denotation of completion of all the PGY2 Ambulatory Appendix topic areas
  o Denotation of ACHR for Goal R2.2 with regard 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 the Residency Advisory Committee (RAC).
    ▪ Develop and submit an 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 to 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
  o Submission of a poster for presentation (e.g., Research in Progress) to present at annual ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
  o Completion of at least two academic lectures, including, but not limited to: ACPE-accredited Pharmacy Grand Rounds (one contact hour; Spectrum Health); ambulatory care lecture topic (one contact hour; Ferris State College of Pharmacy)
  o Completion of at least one minor project, including, but not limited to: process improvement, creating a business plan
  o If not obtained in PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, completion of Pharmacy Education Development and Lecture Series Teaching Certificate Program through Ferris State University or equivalent teaching certificate
  o 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 and 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 that includes an annual salary, health benefits and paid time off.

- **Stipend/salary**: The annual residency stipend is $50,000.
- **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: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day. PTO utilization and regulation will follow Spectrum Health’s Paid Time Off Policy.
- **Travel expenses**: Residents are reimbursed for 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 Widdicombe building. The resident is supplied with an individual computer workstation, electronic Lexi-Comp® subscriptions, a white lab coat, telephones, office supplies, photocopying privileges and business cards.
Application
The Spectrum Health Ambulatory Care PGY2 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 are generally held 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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