

Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program



Our purpose

To build on Doctor of Pharmacy education and outcomes, to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, to help residents become eligible for board certification and PGY2 residency training.

Goals

- To provide residents with the experience and training necessary to become competent and confident health system pharmacy practitioners
- To train practitioners who can research, analyze and effectively communicate drug information
- To cultivate knowledgeable practitioners who provide comprehensive pharmaceutical care across the continuum

Program overview

- Structure of learning experiences is based on the resident's entering level of knowledge, skills and career aspirations.
- Elective learning experiences allow the resident to further pursue interests related to individual career objectives.
- Residents provide direct patient care, complete various projects, perform pharmacy consults, respond to bedside emergencies and participate in committees.
- Learning experiences are designed to incorporate evidence-based pharmaceutical care in an interdisciplinary team environment.

Basic qualifications/application process

- Graduate of an ACPE-accredited school of pharmacy or successful completion of Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC) certification
- Licensed or eligible for licensure in Pennsylvania
- Successful completion of pre-employment requirements of Geisinger
- For residency applicants who will reside in the United States with an Optional Practical Training (OPT) visa

during their residency year, the visa expiration must be longer than that of the residency program. Geisinger residencies do not sponsor non-learner visas (e.g., H1B).

- - > Curriculum vitae
 - > Letter of intent
 - > Pharmacy school transcripts
 - > 3 letters of recommendation

Curriculum

Required core learning experiences

- Orientation
- Internal medicine
- Advanced internal medicine
- Cardiology
- Critical care medicine
- Infectious diseases

Required longitudinal learning experiences

- Drug information and healthcare education
- Pharmacy staffing
- Pharmacy administration and medication safety
- Major project

Additional offerings adjacent to residency

- International medical missions trip
- Teaching Certificate Program (Wilkes University)
- Geisinger Clinician Educator Track

Elective learning experiences

- Advanced emergency medicine
- Advanced cardiology
- Ambulatory care – oncology
- Ambulatory care – neurology
- Antimicrobial stewardship
- Emergency medicine
- Hematology/oncology (inpt/outpt)
- Pediatrics/obstetrics pharmacy practice
- Pediatrics (2 week)
- Pharmacy leadership (2 and 4 week)
- Precepting
- Trauma surgery critical care

Benefits

- Competitive annual stipend (including excellent health benefits package and paid time off)
- Paid administrative leave and travel for educational meetings (ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Eastern States Residency Conference)

For more information or application materials, contact:

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