

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program: Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Can you tell me about your program, including the number of applicants every year?

A. The Piedmont Atlanta Hospital PGY-1 Pharmacy residency program is a 12-month curriculum that provides residents with extensive training opportunities in acute care, clinical services and practice management. On the average, we have 70 – 80 applicants every year for 3 PGY1 positions.

Q. What clinical and specialized service does your department offer?

A. Clinical pharmacy services offered include: pharmacokinetics, nutrition support, anticoagulation management, critical care, transplant medicine, cardiology, internal medicine, antimicrobial stewardship, and emergency medicine.

Q. How is pharmaceutical care supported at your institution?

A. Pharmacy is well respected within the health system. We are often leaders and/or play a major role in committees and other initiatives within the system. Pharmacists with expertise in clinical practice play an integral role in the day-to-day care of the patient.

Q. What are the staffing responsibilities?

A. Residents have a staffing commitment primarily in a unit-based area. Residents staff approximately one day a week. Typically, residents staff maximum of one week after each 4 week rotation. Responsibilities include direct patient care, order verification, distribution, drug information, pharmacokinetics, anticoagulation management, and medication reconciliation. Resident also spend some time in the central pharmacy.

Q. What are the weekend responsibilities?

A. Each resident covers the clinical services along with two preceptors every third weekend.

Q. What projects do residents complete during their residency year?

A. Each resident completes a research project during the year in accordance with ASHP requirements. There will be additional projects during the year including completion of a medication use evaluation (MUE) that is presented at P&T, formulary monographs, drug class reviews, etc.

Q. Do residents publish their projects?

A. Although not required, residents are strongly encouraged to either publish their projects or present it as a poster at a national meeting. Residents are required to submit a final manuscript in a publishable format prior to completion of the residency year.

Q. What positions have your residents taken after completion of your program?

A. Some residents continue their training with a PGY2 or fellowship. Many of our residents have gone on to pursue positions in acute care, academia, consulting, and managed care.

Q. What teaching opportunities are available?

A. Mercer University College of Pharmacy offers a Teaching Certificate program. Although this is not required, residents with an interest in teaching may choose to participate in this program. Residents will also have the opportunity to co-precept students during the second half of the year.

Q. I am not a US citizen. Are you able to sponsor my visa?

A. Applicants who have a “green card” (permanent resident) or a current visa valid through the entire duration of the residency program are welcome to apply. Piedmont Hospital is NOT able to sponsor visas for PGY1 residents.

Program website: <http://piedmont.org/pharmacyresidency>