



Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy and Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy Community Pharmacy Practice Residency Program with a Focus in Specialty Pharmacy, Pittsburgh, PA

The goal of the Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy and Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy PGY1 Community Pharmacy Practice Residency with a focus in Specialty Pharmacy is to provide pharmacy residents with opportunities to develop the fundamental skills necessary to excel in the specialty pharmacy environment. The residency program is based at Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This premier specialty pharmacy location offers a variety of patient care services to support patients who are managing chronic life-threatening or rare conditions, including cancer, Crohn's disease, growth hormone disorders, multiple sclerosis, psoriasis, and rheumatoid arthritis, among others. The clinical pharmacists at this site work closely with health care professionals, patient care coordinators, insurance advocates and patients to meet the needs of the patient's medication therapy. In addition, residents will gain insights on the pharmacy practice management issues that can affect the delivery of care for patients taking specialty medications.

The residency is offered in partnership with Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy. This partnership allows the resident the opportunity to also gain experiences in health and wellness services and develop the academic skills necessary to serve as an educator and preceptor. As part of this residency program, the resident will actively participate in educating Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy staff and some instructing of University students.

Residency Activities

- Disease management programs in the areas such as multiple sclerosis, oncology, rheumatoid arthritis, and growth hormone deficiency
- Educate patients on appropriate medication use
- Work with patients and prescribers to resolve drug therapy problems
- Identify strategies to improve medication adherence and reduce medication costs
- Contribute to the development of novel disease management programs
- Design and conduct a practice based research project, in its entirety, present the findings at the AMCP Annual Meeting and submit for publication in a refereed journal.
- Contribute to the Specialty Pharmacy Weekly newsletter
- Respond to patient and healthcare professional medication information inquiries
- Present Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy continuing education seminars
- Provide tailored information to healthcare providers and clients on specialty pharmacy topics
- Provide clinical instruction to pharmacy staff and student pharmacists at the University
- Assist with content development and presentation of Certification Programs
- Enhance academic skills through completion of preparatory courses, including Teaching Methodology, Research Methods and Qualitative Methods

Residency Program Benefits

- Competitive stipend
- Comprehensive medical plan
- Travel allowances for one pharmacy related conference
- Resident are eligible for Paid Time Off (PTO). Resident pharmacists may accrue approximately 10 days depending on average hours worked and time in position.
- Paid membership to AMCP

Candidate Requirements

- Pennsylvania licensure within 60 days of the start of the residency program
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from a college or school of pharmacy accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or equivalent experience
- Completed online employment application form at www.walgreens.jobs
- Submission of residency application materials to Pharmacy Online Residency Application Service (PhORCAS)
 - Curriculum vitae
 - Three professional letters of recommendation
 - Official university transcripts
 - A written statement (not to exceed 500 words) explaining why you are pursuing a pharmacy practice residency and what you hope to gain from the residency program
- On-site interview (upon invitation)
- PowerPoint® presentation (specialty pharmacy focus)

Application Process

All application material must be submitted by no later than January 15, 2017 for candidates to be considered for the 2017-2018 Community Pharmacy Practice Residency Program. The 2017-2018 program begins June 29, 2017 and ends June 26, 2018.

Contact Information

Specific questions about this residency program should be addressed to Dr. Pamela Koerner via email at koerner@duq.edu

For more information about the Walgreens PGY1 residency programs please contact us at 1-866-work-4-wag or visit www.walgreens.jobs.