

## **Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Walgreens PGY1 Community-Based Pharmacy Residency Program in Atlanta, Georgia**

The mission of the Walgreens Community-Based Pharmacy Residency Program is to provide postgraduate training that enables residents to achieve their professional goals, become a leader within the profession, provide compassionate care for members of their communities and contribute to the Walgreen Company's advancement in healthcare. This ASHP accredited residency is offered in partnership with and is co-funded by Mercer University College of Pharmacy. This partnership allows the resident the opportunity to gain experiences in the delivery of clinical pharmacy services, while actively participating in teaching and precepting experiences at the College of Pharmacy. There are two residency positions and affiliated sites associated with this program - both of which are located within the greater Atlanta area and are within close proximity to the Mercer University College of Pharmacy campus.

One affiliated site is based at an AADE-accredited Walgreens Pharmacy in metro Atlanta. This program involves comprehensive patient care services with a particular focus on Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME). DSME practice sites include Walgreens pharmacy, Good Samaritan Health Center, and a local physician's clinic. Diabetes counseling sessions are conducted with patients to review disease states, medications, and lifestyle modifications. The pharmacy team works collaboratively with physicians and other healthcare providers to ensure appropriate medication therapy for each patient and their corresponding disease states. The second affiliated site is based at a URAC-accredited Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy in metro Atlanta. This premier pharmacy location offers a variety of innovative clinical pharmacy services for patients with complicated disease states such as HIV/AIDS, oncology, pediatrics, transplant, Hepatitis, and immunologic disorders. The pharmacy also offers a bedside delivery program in collaboration with our host health systems to help with transitions of care through bedside delivery of medications upon discharge. The community pharmacists at this site work closely with medical staff and home care clinicians to provide optimal drug therapy for patients. In addition, both residents are exposed to regional leadership to learn about management issues that can affect the implementation of patient care services in the community pharmacy setting.

The resident's main academic responsibilities while at Mercer University College of Pharmacy will primarily focus on facilitating first-year students within the Clinical Skills and Simulation Laboratory (CSSL), used for Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience education. In addition, the resident will be required to design and teach at least one didactic lecture, as well as participate in a teaching certificate program.

### **Residency Activities**

**The resident will participate in the provision of patient-care services through the following:**

- Diabetes 1:1 detailed patient counseling (AADE Site)
- Transitions of Care and Disease state management programs in areas such as HIV/AIDS, oncology, pediatrics, transplant, Hepatitis C, and immunologic disorders (URAC Site)
- Medication Therapy Management
- Pharmacist-administered immunizations
- Development of health and wellness programs
- Community outreach programs

**The resident will participate in the following activities that strengthen practice management and educator skills:**

- Develop and conduct a practice-based research project
- Present research findings at appropriate regional and national professional meetings
- Execute marketing strategy for the promotion of patient care services
- Provide clinical instruction to student pharmacists at the College and practice sites
- Participate in a Teaching Certificate Program at the College of Pharmacy

### **Residency Program Benefits**

- Competitive stipend
- Comprehensive medical plan
- Travel allowance for pharmacy-related conferences
- Residents are eligible for Paid Time Off (PTO) based on tenure, average hours per week, and position.

### **Candidate Requirements**

- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from a college or school of pharmacy accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
- Georgia pharmacy intern license by July 1<sup>st</sup> and Georgia pharmacist license by August 31<sup>st</sup>
- Complete the online resident position application at <https://jobs.walgreens.com/>
- Submission of residency application materials to Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS)
- Completed application
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three professional letters of recommendation
- A letter of intent explaining why you are pursuing a community pharmacy residency and what you hope to gain from the residency program
- Official university transcripts
- On-site interview (upon invitation)
- Presentation at on-site interview on a topic related to community practice
- Registered with the National Matching Service (NMS)

### **Application Process**

A completed application and all accompanying materials must be received no later than January 15th for candidates to be considered for our program.

Specific questions about this residency program should be addressed to Adam Schnepf Pharm.D., residency site coordinator, via email at [adam.schnepf@walgreens.com](mailto:adam.schnepf@walgreens.com).

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