Walgreens Pharmacy and the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy
PGY1 Community-Based Pharmacy Residency Program, Chicago, Illinois

Walgreens and University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Residency Program provides training to pharmacists so that they achieve their professional goals, become a leader within the profession, provide compassionate care for the members of their community, and contribute to the Walgreens Company’s advancements in health care. The residency program is based out of four community specialty pharmacy locations in Chicago. These specialty pharmacy locations offer a variety of innovative clinical pharmacy services for the patients who are prescribed complex therapies such as HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C, oncology, and transplant. The community pharmacists at these sites work closely with medical staff to provide optimal drug therapy for patients. In addition, residents gain insights on management issues that can affect the implementation of patient care services in the community pharmacy setting.

The residency is offered in partnership with the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy. This partnership allows the resident the opportunity to gain experiences in the delivery of clinical pharmacy services in ambulatory care clinics. The resident actively participates in teaching and precepting experiences at the School. A graduate from this residency program would be viewed to possess equivalent experience and skills to seek a pharmacy manager position within a specialty pharmacy location or at traditional community pharmacy practice site.

Residency Activities
The resident will participate in the provision of patient-care services through the following:
- Development of health and wellness programs
- Disease state management programs in oncology, transplant, hepatitis C, chronic inflammatory diseases, and HIV/AIDS.
- Multidiscipline primary care for persons living with HIV/AIDS
- Ambulatory care clinic rotations
- Medication therapy management
- Pharmacist-administered immunizations
- Community outreach programs

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

Residency Program Benefits
- Competitive stipend
- Comprehensive medical plan
- Travel allowance for pharmacy-related conferences
- Residents are eligible for Paid Time Off (PTO). The rate at which you accrue your PTO will be based on your years of service, average hours per week, and position. Resident pharmacists may accrue approximately 15 days (120 hours) depending on average hours worked and time in position.

Candidate Requirements
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from a college or school of pharmacy accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
- Illinois pharmacist license within 90 days of the start of the residency program
- Complete the online resident position application at https://jobs.walgreens.com/
- Submission of residency application materials to Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS)
  - 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 community pharmacy topic
- Registered with the National Matching Service (NMS).

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

Contact Information
Questions about this residency program should be addressed to Judy Sommers Hanson PharmD, the residency program director via email at judith.sommers-hanson@walgreens.com

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