

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 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 campus.

Walgreens Clinical PGY1

This program involves responsibilities in comprehensive patient care services with a particular focus on Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME). DSME practice sites include 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. In addition, the resident will gain practice experience at Walgreens Specialty sites in metro Atlanta that specialize in the management of a variety of disease states including HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, transplant, and immunologic disorders. Practice experience will be in health-system locations providing exposure to a variety of programs including bedside and compounding.

Walgreens Specialty PGY1

This program is based out of two URAC-accredited Walgreens Specialty pharmacies in the Atlanta area. These premier pharmacy locations offer a variety of innovative clinical pharmacy services for patients with complicated disease states such as HIV/AIDS, oncology, pediatrics, transplant, hepatitis, and immunologic disorders. Throughout the residency year, the resident will have a direct impact on patient outcomes through participation in patient counseling, Medication Therapy Management, patient adherence, and immunization services. The program also offers a bedside delivery program in collaboration with one of 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 providers, patients, and the community to provide optimal drug therapy for patients.

Both residents are exposed to regional leadership to learn about management initiatives and issues that can affect the implementation of patient care services in the community pharmacy setting. The residents' 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. Both residents will also have the unique opportunity to complete a longitudinal rotation in an Ambulatory Care setting at the Grady Health System located in the metro Atlanta area.

Residency Activities

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

- Transitions of Care and Disease state management programs in areas such as HIV/AIDS, oncology, pediatrics, transplant, Hepatitis C, and immunologic disorders (URAC Site)
- Clinical management of specialty patients in an outpatient setting from financial assistance, thorough disease-specific clinical counseling, and close communication with providers for optimal patient management
- Medication Therapy Management
- Diabetes 1:1 detailed patient counseling (Walgreens Clinical)

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

- Develop and conduct a practice-based research project and present findings at regional and national professional meetings
- Design and execute projects related to clinical management or practice improvement
- Instruct and precept student pharmacists
- 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

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 1st and Georgia pharmacist license by August 31st
- 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
- Official university transcripts
- On-site interview (upon invitation)
- Presentation at on-site interview on a topic related to community practice

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 Maria Yi, PharmD, Site Coordinator – yiji.yi@walgreens.com
For more information about Walgreens Residency Programs, please contact us at 1-866-WORK-4-WAG or visit <https://jobs.walgreens.com>

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