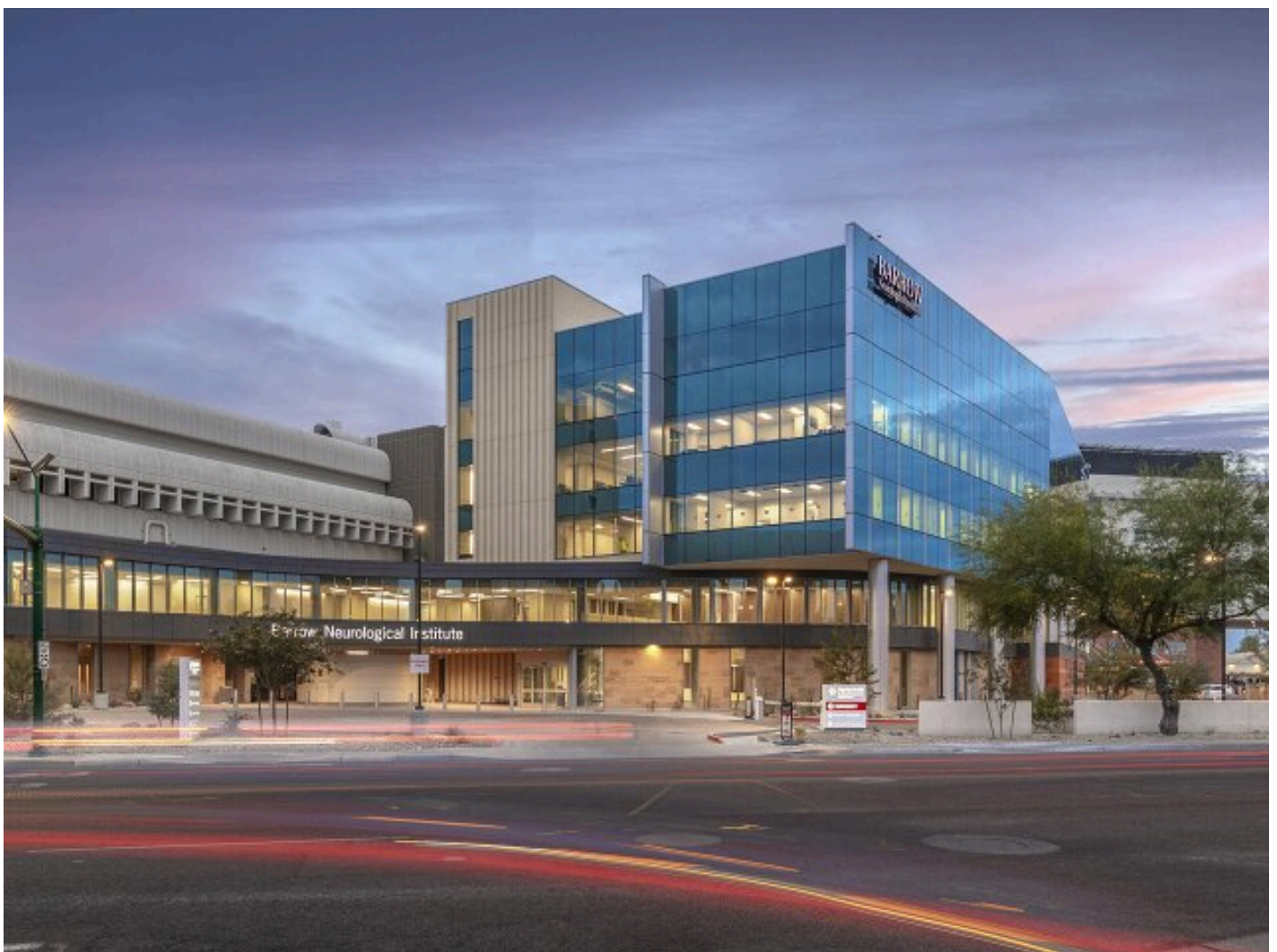


St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center Pharmacy Residency Programs

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency
PGY2 Critical Care Residency



Introduction

Saint Joseph Hospital and Medical Center – Phoenix

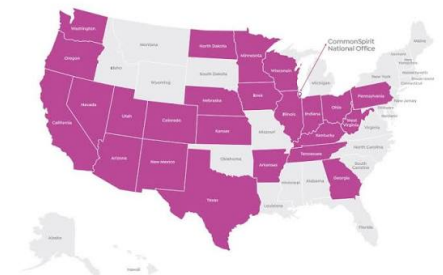
St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center (SJHMC) is a 587 bed not-for-profit academic teaching hospital. Founded in 1895 by the Sisters of Mercy, it holds the distinction of being the first hospital in the Phoenix area. Today, the institution is a nationally recognized center for quality quaternary care, medical education, and research. The campus is home to the internationally renowned Barrow Neurological Institute, Ivy Brain Tumor Center, Norton Thoracic Institute and Dignity Health–Cancer Institute (DHCI). Additionally, the hospital also offers a Level IV Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and a Level I Trauma Center that is certified by the American College of Surgeons.

SJHMC maintains a national reputation for clinical distinction, underscored by its status as one of the nation's leading centers for lung transplant volume and its recurring recognition in U.S. News and World Report rankings for neurology and neurosurgery. Serving as a critical hub for high-acuity care, the hospital's emergency department treats in excess of 83,000 patients a year and functions as the hospital entry point for many of our patients. The institution's advanced clinical infrastructure includes more than 100 adult ICU beds, subdivided into dedicated neuro, medical, surgical, trauma and cardiothoracic units, alongside an extensive 72 bed neonatal intensive care unit. This comprehensive range of specialized services makes SJHMC a premier destination for patients seeking complex care on a national scale.



About CommonSpirit

SJHMC is a member of CommonSpirit Health (CSH), one of the largest nonprofit Catholic health systems in the United States. Formed in 2019 through the alignment of Catholic Health Initiatives and Dignity Health, CommonSpirit is dedicated to improving health for all people. Headquartered in Chicago, it includes 2,300+ care sites in 24 states coast to coast, 35,000+ providers across the system of hospitals and clinics and 45,000 nurses providing care and humankindness to patients. Learn more at CommonSpirit.org.



Department of Pharmacy

The pharmacy department's multidisciplinary team – consisting of inpatient, ambulatory, transitional and clinical roles – is dedicated to the highest standards of pharmaceutical care. Through a hybrid of centralized and decentralized operations, the department provides essential services and oversight to ensure safety, efficacy and cost-effective medication therapy. Our department's clinical practice is deeply rooted in patient-centered care, emphasizing close collaboration with the broader healthcare team to optimize outcomes and to improve overall patient health.

Residents at SJHMC function as an integral part of multidisciplinary medical service teams by rounding, assisting in determining medical therapy, performing clinical consults and dosing services in vancomycin, warfarin, phenytoin and aminoglycosides and assisting with medical education of providers and patients. Residents are incorporated into the process of actively influencing change at the facility level, the service area level and at a large system level.

Program Overview

Positions:

- Three PGY1 Pharmacy Residents
- One PGY2 Critical Care Resident

Program Start Date:

- PGY1: ~1 week prior to July 1st
- PGY2: ~first week of July

Program Duration: 12 months (52 weeks)

Estimated Yearly Stipend:

- PGY1: \$61,469
- PGY2: \$68,442

Affiliations:

- Creighton University
- Phoenix Children's Hospital
- University of Arizona



Staffing Requirement: Every 3rd weekend and 1 major holiday

Vacation/Sick Leave: 23 days total (includes 6 major holidays)

Resident Benefits:

- Free garage parking
- Employee discount in cafeteria (20%)
- On-site Starbucks
- Access to the resident lounge (free snacks!)
- Medical/dental benefits with zero cost employee only plans
- 403(b) benefits
- Electric vehicle charging (free up to 3 hours)
- Scrub exchange machines (no laundry!)
- Shared office with personal desk and computer
- BLS & ACLS Certification
- Travel stipend for ASHP Midyear and Southwestern States Conference
- Resident wellness mentorship program

Application Requirements:

- PhORCAS application form
- Letter of intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- Official transcripts of all pharmacy education
- 3 letters of recommendation (preferably at least 2 from clinical rotation preceptors)
- Cumulative pharmacy school GPA of 3 or higher (or top 50% of class for schools without GPA)
- Completion of PGY1 (for PGY2 applicants only)

Application Deadline: January 3rd

ASHP Match Program Code:

- PGY1 Pharmacy Residency: 151013
- PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency: 671552

Learn more about St. Joseph's Pharmacy Residency Program

Follow us on [social media](#) for updates about our program including future recruiting events.

Questions? Contact our program directors!

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Learning Experiences

The twelve-month program will provide the training necessary for graduates to provide exceptional pharmaceutical care to a diverse patient population. Additionally, the program offers the flexibility to tailor resident experiences to meet individual professional goals.

PGY1 Learning Experiences	
All required and elective rotations listed below are 1 month; longitudinal experiences are 12 months	
Required	Elective (4)
Orientation (July) Emergency Medicine Infectious Diseases Internal Medicine Medical Intensive Care Neonatal Intensive Care Pharmacy Practice	Academia Cardiology Cardiovascular Intensive Care Oncology (Inpatient or Ambulatory) Investigational Drug Services Neurology Pharmacy Informatics Solid Organ Transplant Transitions of Care Trauma
Longitudinal Learning Experiences	
Pharmacy Administration and Quality Pharmacy Staffing Research Fundamentals and Application (focused month in December)	
Advanced rotation experiences may also be available. Other elective learning experiences may be developed based on resident interest and preceptor availability	

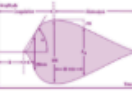
PGY2 Learning Experiences	
All rotations listed below are 4–5 weeks	
Required	Elective
Orientation (1–2 weeks) Cardiovascular Intensive Care Emergency Medicine Medical Intensive Care (6–7 weeks) Medical Intensive Care 2 Neurocritical Care Trauma Intensive Care	Advanced Cardiovascular Intensive Care Advanced Emergency Medicine Advanced Medical Intensive Care Advanced Neurocritical Care Advanced Trauma Intensive Care Cardiology Critical Care Infectious Diseases Decentralized Critical Care Staffing Neonatal Intensive Care Solid Organ Transplant
Longitudinal Learning Experiences	
Critical Care Weekend Staffing Pharmacy Leadership, Medication Safety and Quality Research Fundamentals and Application (focused month in December)	

Research

Our residencies place a strong emphasis on excellence in research and equip our residents with the necessary training to effectively critique the published literature and conduct their own practice-based clinical research following residency completion. Residents will conduct a longitudinal original research project throughout their residency under the support and guidance of experienced preceptors. More information about the SJHMC research program may be found below and within our 2024 PharmacyTimes publication [Crafting a Recipe for Research Success in Pharmacy Residency Programs](#).

SJHMC Resident Abstracts and Publications

Residents at SJHMC consistently produce scholarly work that transcends expectations, with a peer-reviewed publication rate exceeding 40% since 2019—a figure significantly higher than national benchmarks. Furthermore, our residents are frequently invited to present original research at national forums, including SCCM, ISHLT, IDWeek, and ACCP. Their achievements are underscored by prestigious honors such as the IDWeek Trainee Award travel grants and recurring recognition at the Southwestern States Residency Conference, where our residents secured the Best Residency Project award in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

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* Last 3 years of resident publications

Additional Residency Experiences

Professional Event Attendance:

- Attend and present at ASHP Midyear Meeting
- Attend and present at the Southwestern States Residency Conference
- PGY2 may also attend and present at Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) if abstract is accepted
- Represent SJHMC during Residency Showcases and other residency promotional events

Longitudinal Projects:

- All Residents
 - Research project
 - Medication use evaluation
- PGY1 Residents
 - Drug class review
 - Nonformulary medication reviews

Presentations: You will provide education to your peers and medical teams via multiple forums including:

- Seminars (PGY1 and PGY2)
- Patient case presentation (PGY1 only)

Leadership: PGY1s will have the opportunity to gain valuable leadership experience and improve upon communication and organization skills through the Lead Resident role. This resident will serve as the point of contact for their residency class and preceptors for questions and updates and hold various leadership responsibilities.

Code Response: Following successful BLS/ACLS certification, the residents will be scheduled for adult code response coverage.

Professional Development: You will have the opportunity to partake in our PGY2/Professional Development Series. This series is conducted by experienced preceptors who have personally experienced the PGY2 match process. Preceptors hold monthly sessions to help guide our PGY1s through the entire application process. Residents who do not wish to apply for PGY2s will also benefit from participation as topics covered include but are not limited to, curriculum vitae and letter of intent writing, job search, and interview tips and tricks. The PGY2 resident will attend and contribute to these meetings as their schedule allows.

Teaching Certificate: PGY1 residents will obtain a teaching certificate from a local ACPE-accredited College of Pharmacy. Completion of the teaching certificate program will be optional for the PGY2 resident.



Frequently Asked Questions

Applications/Interviews

Do you prefer candidates from Arizona?

It is common for residency programs to have more local candidates. However, we appreciate diversity in the training programs of our residents and encourage out of state candidates.

How are candidates evaluated?

Candidates are initially evaluated on their completed PhORCAS packet. Candidates should possess the following: good academic performance, strong interpersonal skills, a history of work experience, the ability to adapt to new situations and learn from them, and strong performances on completed inpatient clinical APPE or PGY1 rotations. Candidates are encouraged to have references speak to these attributes in their letters of recommendations with specific examples whenever possible. Additional attributes that are preferred but not required include demonstration of personal or group leadership and scholarly activity in the form of completed and presented research. Candidates are ranked sequentially based on the above characteristics, with the top candidates being invited for an interview. Upon completion of all of the interviews, candidates are re-ranked and the rank list submitted into the PhORCAS system as part of the Match process.

For students who come from a pass-fail grading system, are there any additional application requirements to apply for your program?

No. It is not uncommon for these students to apply and they would follow the typical application process. Your school Registrar's Office will send your class rank when you request transcripts if you provide the appropriate contact information. Our evaluation rubric does accommodate pass/fail programs.

Will you be completing on site or virtual interviews this year?

To expand access to applicants from out of state, we will be scheduling virtual interviews this year.

Onboarding

When does the residency start?

PGY1 residents start approximately one week prior to July 1st (dependent upon hospital orientation availability). PGY2 residents typically start the first week of July.

Do I need an Arizona pharmacist license?

It is the responsibility of the resident to look into requirements for licensure in the state of Arizona immediately after matching with SJHMC. The resident has 90 days to become a licensed pharmacist. If the resident is not licensed within 90 days of the residency year, the program director has the authority to dismiss the resident from the program. If necessary, this will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Note: when scheduling the NAPLEX and UMPJE, please keep in mind that it takes the Arizona Board of Pharmacy 7-14 days after successful completion of the last exam to process a pharmacist license.

Research

What guidance and support do residents receive on their research projects?

All research projects have at least one designated preceptor to help provide expert guidance, support, and navigate any issues that may arise throughout the year. A number of our preceptors have extensive experience with research and publishing and are dedicated to helping motivated residents achieve this goal. A list of SJHMC preceptor publications may be viewed below.

[Preceptor Publications](#)

What is the PGY1 research selection process? Are residents assigned to a project?

In the spring prior to the start of the residency year, the Residency Advisory Council (RAC) preceptors meet to discuss and vet potential research ideas that will provide value to SJHMC's clinical practice. The preceptors then refine these projects to include primary objectives, secondary objectives, and data collection points. By the preceptors meeting in advance, it helps us run reports to get estimates on sample size and availability of data. Within the first few weeks of residency, preceptors meet with residents to review the list of vetted projects. In addition, the resident is welcome to bring their own research project ideas for refinement as well. Ultimately, the residents always choose which project they will complete their research on and it is not assigned. Many will choose to pursue a research project within a specialty interest (e.g. critical care, ID, transplant, cardiology).

What is the PGY2 research selection process?

The critical care pharmacy residency program uses a "flipped" research model. At the beginning of the residency year, the incoming PGY2 resident will initiate data collection on an IRB-approved original research project developed by the outgoing PGY2 resident. This allows for project completion in the middle of the residency year and increased opportunities for potential abstract submission to national critical care meetings (e.g. SCCM). During the second half of the residency year, the PGY2 resident will design a new critical care research project of relevance to SJHMC's patient population and submit a proposal for IRB approval.

I have not completed a research project before and am a bit intimidated by the process! Do residents receive training in research to support them through the experience?

Yes! In addition to the research support and mentorship provided by their project preceptor, all SJHMC residents participate in a monthly longitudinal Research Development Series which provides practical training and guidance throughout the residency year.

Example Research Development Series topics:

- Introduction to biostatistics and study design
- Developing a compelling research question
- The "nuts and bolts" of research: IRB submission and data capture
- Designing an eye-catching professional poster
- Crafting a compelling manuscript
- Demystifying the peer-review process

Concurrently, our residents also present their research progress at quarterly Resident Research Update meetings, which provides an opportunity for the residents to gain experience in presenting their research findings to a clinical audience, share any roadblocks they may be encountering with their project, and receive support and direction from the full RAC team.

Does SJHMC provide protected time for residents to work on their research?

Yes, all residents have a dedicated research month in December to allow additional time for data collection and analysis. However, residents are expected to use good time management skills to work on their research project throughout the residency year in order to meet all applicable deadlines and ensure sufficient progress is being made.

What research presentation opportunities are available?

All SJHMC PGY1 residents will present a poster presentation at ASHP Midyear. (We welcome any prospective residents to attend our residents' poster session and see what they have been working on!) PGY1 and PGY2 residents will also present a research platform presentation at the Southwestern States Residency Conference. Additional presentation opportunities to SJHMC committees or specialist groups may be available depending on project topic. Residents are also encouraged to submit abstracts on their completed research to national clinical/specialist meetings.

Staffing

Do residents have to work holidays?

Residents are expected to work one of the major holidays. This is arranged with the Program Director and Operations Manager with input from the resident. The major holidays to choose from include: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Are there any on-call hours?

There are no additional hours that residents are expected to be on call outside of normal rotation hours.

Teaching/Precepting

Does the residency program offer a teaching certificate program?

Yes, PGY1 residents are required to complete a teaching certificate program from a local ACPE-accredited College of Pharmacy. Completion of the teaching certificate program will be optional for PGY2 residents.

How is the teaching certification program incorporated into the resident schedule?

The residents are provided the necessary time away from rotation activities if the teaching program commitment falls within rotation hours. The schedule for the teaching certificate curriculum is specified by the local pharmacy school.

What precepting and teaching opportunities are available?

SJHMC takes APPE students from The University of Arizona, Midwestern University, and Creighton University. Student rotations are scheduled throughout the year. All preceptors who take students and residents allow for co-precepting opportunities if a student and resident are scheduled at the same time. The degree of autonomy to precept is based on the resident's abilities.

How frequently are residents evaluated and provided feedback?

There is a combination of both informal and formal feedback provided throughout the year. The residents receive formal rotation feedback at the midpoint and final evaluations completed in PharmAcademic. The preceptors also typically provide daily and weekly feedback focused on patient work ups and topic discussions. All presentations are formally evaluated by preceptors and this is reviewed with the residents. At the end of each month, feedback is provided in a rotation hand off (residents meet with current rotation preceptor and next rotation preceptor to discuss strengths, areas of improvement, and targeted goals). Formal quarterly evaluations are completed with the RPD.

What type of mentorship is provided to residents?

Residents will have numerous opportunities to work with preceptors on various projects throughout the year. Preceptors will serve as project mentors and provide valuable guidance and feedback. Additionally, we offer a mentorship program throughout the year that matches residents with either a clinical or staff pharmacist after orientation month. Mentors serve as an additional level of support and at the very least a new Starbucks coffee buddy for the year!

Collaboration

There is another residency program affiliated with Dignity near the Phoenix area. Is there any relationship between the sites? Or between the residents at each site?

Chandler Regional Medical Center also offers a PGY1 program. We work in collaboration with this program to expand potential rotation opportunities; and residents from their site have rotated at SJHMC and vice versa for specified electives.

Can you provide insight on the interprofessional culture at your hospital? Is pharmacy received well by the other professions, such as nursing or medicine? Are recommendations from pharmacy residents generally well received?

As a large academic teaching facility, the physicians and residents are very open to pharmacy feedback and learning. It is a well reciprocated culture throughout the hospital, as we are focused on collaborative patient care. The pharmacists are well respected and heavily utilized by both physicians and nurses.

Do medical residents and pharmacy residents ever work together on projects and/or research?

There are a variety of settings in which pharmacy collaborates with medical staff. For your incoming orientation month, you will take ACLS with the medical residents. Depending on the topic, you may also present your seminar topics to the medical residents. Additionally, there are times that preceptors and residents will collaborate with other healthcare providers on the longitudinal research project.

General

Is there an opportunity to tour the facility if an interview is offered?

Residency candidates are invited to attend an in-person tour, following the virtual interview process. The tour focuses on the hospital lobby, resident office space, decentralized pharmacy practice sites, the main pharmacy area, the pharmacy conference room, and the hospital café. Participation in the on-site tour is completely voluntary and does not have any impact on ranking or status.

Do the residents have a place to call “home”?

Yes, our residents have designated work spaces and access to resources. Residents share an office with a number of the clinical specialists and have their own desks.

Do residents have access to parking and other services in the hospital?

Yes, residents enjoy free parking in the primary hospital parking garage. Residents also have access to the scrub laundry service at the hospital.

What hospital system electronic health record is utilized?

St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center utilizes Cerner Millennium as the EHR and Omnicell automated dispensing cabinets.

Can I adjust my schedule to take more than 1 elective in my area of interest?

Yes! We are very flexible in scheduling your rotations and electives. We are committed to helping you succeed and achieve your goals, whether that is a PGY2 or job placement in a specified area of interest.

Are there any significant changes in the residency program this year? Are there any major changes planned for the next year?

At this time, we have no major changes anticipated to our PGY1 program in this year or the upcoming year. Any changes would be a result of resident and preceptor feedback at the annual program review in June, and are anticipated to be minor.

What qualities make for a successful PGY1 resident?

Successful residents are typically organized and possess efficient time management skills. In addition, they are open to feedback and new experiences. Collaboration and effective social skills are also important attributes.



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