

DCH Regional Medical Center

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency

DCH Regional Medical Center offers an ASHP-accredited Postgraduate Year One (PGY1) Residency program based in hospital and primary care practice settings. Residents develop advanced skills as a pharmacotherapy specialist and enhance their teaching, writing, and research abilities. Learning experiences are conducted at DCH Regional Medical Center and University Medical Center. In addition to excellent clinical experiences, an abundance of teaching and lecturing opportunities exists with pharmacy students, medical students, and Family Medicine resident physicians. Residency training is individualized to develop clinical, communication, problem solving, leadership, and general practice skills.

Program Purpose

PGY1 residency programs build upon Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and outcomes to develop pharmacist practitioners with knowledge, skills, and abilities as defined in the educational competency areas, goals, and objectives. Residents who successfully complete PGY1 residency programs will be skilled in diverse patient care, practice management, leadership, and education, and be prepared to provide patient care, seek board certification in pharmacotherapy (i.e., BCPS), and pursue advanced education and training opportunities including postgraduate year two (PGY2) residencies.

Resident Responsibilities

The program allows the flexibility to select activities which will complement the resident's background and career goals. Learning experiences are typically one month in length and are structured to provide a solid, fundamental experience but are flexible as to recognize individual interests. Residents fulfill 2 order entry/verification and 2 clinical staffing shifts each month. During the year, each resident will complete a research project, MUE, ACPE accredited CE presentation, and a pharmacotherapy lecture presented to the Family Medicine residency program affiliated with DCH...as well as learning experience specific projects or presentations.

Required Learning Experiences

(one month experiences)

Primary Care
 Inpatient Medicine I and II
 Antimicrobial Stewardship
 Critical Care
 Emergency Medicine
 Administration

Elective Learning Experiences

(one month experiences)

Advanced Critical Care or
 Antimicrobial Stewardship
 Geriatrics
 Trauma/Surgical Critical Care

Longitudinal Learning Experiences

Drug Information (9 months)
 Research (duration of residency)
 Staffing (duration of residency)
 CE presentation & Family Medicine
 lecture (3 months each)
 Pharmacokinetics (3 weeks)

PGY1 Highlights

- ASHP accredited since 1996
- 4 positions for PGY1 candidates
- Recent employment post graduation
 - ✓ PGY2 Residency
 - ✓ Decentralized clinical pharmacists
 - ✓ Critical care clinical pharmacist
 - ✓ Ambulatory care clinical pharmacist
- Opportunities for desired level of interaction with P4 students
- Opportunities for providing education to pharmacists, physicians, nurses, and technicians



Site

DCH Regional Medical Center is a 583-licensed bed, not-for-profit, acute care hospital in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Centers of excellence include cardiac services, Lewis and Faye Manderson Cancer Center, SpineCare Center, Women's Services, and many others. The Pharmacy Department is dynamic and progressive in its approach to providing pharmaceutical care. Pharmacy services are decentralized with pharmacists and technicians in the patient care environment responsible for clinical and distributive functions. Additionally, clinical pharmacists round with physicians, nurses, and case managers to provide comprehensive patient care throughout the hospital. The Pharmacy Department is affiliated with Auburn University Harrison College of Pharmacy and Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy.

Applicant Information

Applicants must be a graduate or candidate for graduation of an ACPE accredited college of pharmacy and be eligible for licensure as a pharmacist in the State of Alabama. Four residency positions will be available beginning the end of June for a 12-month appointment. The stipend is \$59,280 annually and residents are eligible for full hospital staff benefits including comprehensive medical/dental insurance and 23 days paid-time-off during the year.

The 2025-26 PGY1 residency year will be June 23, 2025 through June 26, 2026.

Application

Any questions can be directed to:

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Application deadline is January 2

Each application will be reviewed once the following materials are received through PhORCAS:

- Letter of Interest
- Current Curriculum Vitae
- School of Pharmacy Transcripts
- Three Completed References in PhORCAS

(at least 2 of 3 references should comment on the characteristics below)

- ✓ Clinical problem solving skills
- ✓ Work with peers and communicate effectively
- ✓ Emotional stability and maturity
- ✓ Professionalism



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