

Why Choose Saint Francis?

Program Flexibility

Our program offers 6 elective learning experience blocks to gain exposure to a large variety of patient care areas. This also allows our residents to achieve a more customizable experience while ensuring a strong overall PGY1 program.

Teaching Certificate Program

Each resident will participate in and complete a Teaching Certificate program during the residency year.

Pharmacy is Well Integrated

Pharmacists at Saint Francis Hospital are clinically integrated in all patient care areas and are an integral part of interdisciplinary teams.

Cutting Edge Technology

EPIC software is utilized throughout the inpatient and outpatient areas. MedMined stewardship software is leveraged to improve clinical and safety outcomes.

Pharmacy dispensing is highly automated, utilizing systems such as DoseEdge, KitCheck, and Cubixx.

Award Winning Hospital

- Verified Level 1 Trauma Center
- 2024 Best Regional Hospital by U.S. News
- 2024 Newsweek World's Best Hospital
- Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Center
- America's 50 Best in Outpatient Joint Replacement Surgery
- America's 50 Best in Outpatient Orthopedic Surgery

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Our Program

The PGY1 Residency program at Saint Francis Hospital was established in July of 2000 and was awarded ASHP accreditation in the fall of 2002.

Over the past twenty years, we have expanded our program to three positions and offer a variety of clinical learning experiences providing a customized, and well-rounded resident experience.

Our residents receive robust acute care experience servicing areas such as our Level 1 Trauma Center, medical, surgical, cardiac, and neonatal intensive care areas. With ambulatory care offerings in both primary and specialty care, residents have the opportunity to practice at the top of their licensure.

Our institution and our department have always been committed to advancing pharmacy services and cutting-edge technology.

Saint Francis Hospital was the first institution in the state of Connecticut to implement a full-time pharmacist in the Emergency Department, and the first in the state to establish a PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Program.

As a major teaching hospital, we maintain collaborative relationships with local schools of pharmacy. Our residents have the opportunity to work with a variety of pharmacy learners and as part of interdisciplinary teaching teams.

Program Structure

Our PGY1 pharmacy residency program builds on Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions. Upon completing our program, residents will:

- Be eligible for board certification
- Be eligible for PGY2 residency training
- Gain experience precepting APPE students
- Obtain a Teaching Certificate through the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy

Learning Experience schedules are built based on resident practice interests and preceptor availability.

Program Requirements

- Successful completion of all required Learning Experiences
- Completion and development of IRB-approved major projects
- Presentations at regional and national pharmacy conferences
- Teaching Certificate

Residency Information

Type: PGY1 (1 Year Duration)

Positions: 3

Application Deadline: January 2

Applications accepted via
PhORCAS NMS ID: 137513

Learning Experiences

Required Rotations (1-month):

- Orientation
- Ambulatory Care I
- Internal Medicine I
- Medical Intensive Care I
- Emergency Medicine I

Required Longitudinal:

- Drug Information and Policy
- Pharmacy Service
- Practice Management
- Research Project
- Teaching and Education

Elective Rotations (1-month):

- Ambulatory Care II
- Anticoagulation Management
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Behavioral Health
- Cardiac Intensive Care
- Clinical Precepting
- Heart Failure
- HIV & Viral Hepatitis
- Inpatient Oncology
- Medical Intensive Care II
- Neonatal Intensive Care
- Outpatient Oncology I & II
- Surgical Intensive Care

^Focused on didactic teaching at the University of Saint Joseph School of Pharmacy

+Meets additional acute care experience requirement

#Meets ambulatory care experience requirement