Residency Program Overview
The St. Joseph Medical Center PGY-1 residency program in the ambulatory care setting is a brand new ASHP pre-candidate status program starting July 2020 and scheduled for a credentialing survey in March 2021. This residency program is an expansion into the ambulatory care arena to match our developed ambulatory care services including over 25 pharmacists practicing in primary care, heart failure, population health, oncology, anticoagulation, and hospice. St. Joseph Medical Center is well versed in providing an excellent PGY-1 residency program experience with the acute care setting program being established since 1985. We strive to develop a foundation of critical thinking and leadership skills that will promote continuous professional development and innovation in healthcare. Our program fosters a skill set to prepare residents for practice as clinical pharmacists in a variety of patient care, academic, and research settings, including PGY-2 residency and fellowship experiences. The residency recruits for two resident positions from candidates throughout the United States.

The residency program is focused on providing diverse opportunities to develop proficient clinicians in provider clinics, pharmacist-run clinics, and population health arenas. Additionally, the residency provides experiences to intricately understand the patient’s continuum of care from inpatient to ambulatory to hospice settings. During the program, the resident will establish and manage a yearlong project geared towards creating or optimizing pharmacy services provided in the ambulatory care setting. As integral members of the health care team, residents work to achieve optimal drug therapy outcomes for their patients. They will display leadership and professionalism in all aspects of their practice and function as effective communicators and educators.

Our residency program, based in a non-academic health care setting, has become a catalyst for innovative pharmacy practice models within CHI Franciscan. Rotation areas are designed to provide the resident with a well-rounded clinical and administrative experience. Within each rotation, additional time may be devoted to areas of interest, thus providing the opportunity for specialized training. Clinical rotations are designed to enhance the resident’s expertise in promoting, assessing and ensuring safe, efficacious and rational drug therapy.
**Required Rotations (1st half of year)**

- Residency Orientation ........................................ 4 weeks
- Anticoagulation .................................................. 2 weeks
- Primary Care- Introduction ................................. 2 weeks
- Heart Failure ...................................................... 4 weeks
- Oncology .......................................................... 2 weeks
- Hospice ............................................................. 2 weeks
- Practice Management ..................................... 4 weeks
- Community Pharmacy .................................. 2 weeks
- Inpatient Internal Medicine ............................. 2 weeks
- Infectious Disease ............................................ 2 weeks
- Emergency Medicine ................................... 2 weeks
- Staffing Anticoagulation Clinic ................. 2 weekdays per month
- Staffing Hospice .............................................. 2 weekend days per month

**Required Rotations (2nd half of year)**

- Primary Care-Longitudinal ............................. 2 - 3 days per week for 21 weeks
- Population Health .......................................... 1 day per week for 21 weeks
- Staffing Anticoagulation Clinic ................. 2 weekdays per month
- Staffing Hospice .............................................. 2 weekend days per month

**Elective Rotations (2nd half of year) — Choose One**

- Advanced Heart Failure ................................. 1 day per week for 21 weeks
- Advanced Oncology ........................................ 1 day per week for 21 weeks

**Stipend and Benefits**

Benefits include 24 days of Paid Time Off (PTO), medical, dental and life insurance for residents and dependents. Paid educational leave and a travel allowance are available to support attendance at state and national meetings. The current stipend is $57,782 annually/$27.78 per hour.

**Residency Project—Continuous**

Residents conduct a project aimed at identifying, organizing and solving a clinical or management-related problem, which often leads to the development of a new pharmacy service. This project will be presented at the Western States Conference. The resident will be encouraged to submit the project for publication and present at state or national pharmacy meetings.

**Additional Required Longitudinal Experiences—Continuous**

Longitudinal experiences will occur throughout the residency year and encompass activities such as performing Drug Utilization Evaluations, presenting recommendations to Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committees, student precepting, and creating a monthly newsletter directed to all CHI Franciscan clinical staff. Residents will also be directly involved in the education of providers, nurses, and the care team.

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