Why Choose Saint Francis?

Program Flexibility

Our program offers various 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

During the residency year, each resident will participate in and complete a Teaching Certificate program through the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy.

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.

Expanding Excellence in Pharmacy Training

Saint Francis Hospital is proud to advance its commitment to pharmacy education by expanding its residency program offerings. In addition to our robust PGY1 program, we offer a PGY2 in Ambulatory Care and are honored to be the first in Connecticut to establish a PGY2 in Thrombosis and Hemostasis Management—one of the few such programs in the Northeast region. PGY1 candidates are offered the opportunity for early commitment if interested which allows for a seamless transition into specialized training.

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 well as a PGY2 Thrombosis and Hemostasis Management 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:

- Orientation
- Internal Medicine I
- Emergency Medicine I
- Medical Intensive Care I
- Ambulatory Care of Choice#
- Additional Acute Care of Choice+

Required Longitudinal:

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

Elective Rotations (1-month):

- Adult Medicine Primary Care#
- Anticoagulation Service#
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Behavioral Health
- Cardiac Intensive Care+
- Clinical Precepting
- Congestive Heart Failure
- Emergency Medicine II+
- HIV & Viral Hepatitis
- Inpatient Oncology
- Internal Medicine II+
- Medical Intensive Care II+
- Medication Safety
- Neonatal Intensive Care & Women's Health
- Surgical Intensive Care+
- ^ Emphasis on teaching opportunities at the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy
- + Meets additional acute care experience requirement
- # Meets ambulatory care experience requirement