

Is a Postgraduate Year 1
Community Pharmacy
Residency Program Right
for You?

Step into your FUTURE



What Is a Postgraduate Year 1 (PGY1) Community Pharmacy Residency Program?

A PGY1 community pharmacy residency program is an organized, directed, postgraduate training program that centers on development of the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to pursue patient care in the community setting.

A PGY1 community pharmacy residency program strives to develop innovative pharmacy practice leaders equipped to meet the challenges presented by the rapidly changing health care system. Through required and elective opportunities, residency programs focus on the following:

- Direct Patient Care
- Leadership
- Practice Management
- Communication Skills
- Health and Wellness Promotion
- Technology
- Teaching Skills

PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency Fast Facts

- There are currently more than 60 PGY1 community pharmacy residency programs nationwide offering training at more than 125 chain, supermarket, and independent pharmacy sites, as well as outpatient health-system pharmacies. Access the APhA residency locator at www.pharmacist.com/residencies/locator.
- Each site has a preceptor who oversees the training of the resident.
- A residency experience consists of a minimum of 2,000 hours of education and training conducted over a 12-month period.
- Most residencies begin in July.
- Residencies are accredited by ASHP in partnership with APhA.
- PGY1 residency applicants to accredited programs are required to participate in the ASHP Resident Matching Program.
- For more information on the ASHP Resident Matching Program, go to www.ashp.org; click on residency information, then residency matching program.

Developing the Tools To Succeed ...

"My community practice residency experience provided me with the opportunity to develop and acquire a unique set of skills that are essential for the development and implementation of pharmacist-led MTM practices in the community. Currently, I am working with pharmacists, students, physicians, and patients to establish MTM sites and take community practice to the next level."

— Gladys M. Garcia, PharmD

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Expanding Your Career Opportunities ...

"Completing a Community Pharmacy Practice Residency will provide you with the skills and tools necessary to pursue multiple career paths in the future, from academia to independent pharmacy ownership, and will make you stand out head and shoulders above others applying for the same position."

— Karl Hess, PharmD

*Assistant Professor of Pharmacy
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How does a PGY1 community pharmacy residency program prepare you for the next step in your professional career?

Employers usually consider a 1-year residency experience to be equivalent to 3 to 5 years of practice. Completing a PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency provides the resident with unique skills highly desired by employers.

Residencies provide an excellent opportunity to fine tune clinical and management skills under the guidance of an experienced preceptor. PGY1 community residents also gain valuable experience in the development and implementation of innovative patient care services including medication therapy management services.

Following are examples of positions taken by recent PGY1 community pharmacy residency graduates:

- Clinical pharmacists and clinical coordinators in chain pharmacies, independent pharmacies, and ambulatory care settings
- Clinical faculty at schools and colleges of pharmacy
- Consultants in nontraditional pharmacy settings
- Shared faculty positions between a community pharmacy and a school of pharmacy
- Pharmacists working toward owning or managing a community pharmacy

Consider applying for a PGY1 community pharmacy residency

Qualified applicants—

- Generally, are individuals in their fourth professional year of pharmacy education and must graduate from an accredited college or school of pharmacy
- Possess a desire to apply their clinical skills in a community pharmacy setting

Application requirements—

- Vary by program, so contact the individual PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency Program director(s) for more information
- Involve a written application made directly to the program, along with a resume or curriculum vitae and letters of recommendation
- Have a program-specific deadline, but usually January is the latest an application will be accepted

Factors to consider when selecting a PGY1 community pharmacy residency program

- Accreditation status
- College or school affiliation
- Geographic location
- Opportunities for the development of a new service
- Patient care services and programs currently offered
- Program director and preceptors
- Teaching responsibilities
- Variety of practice experiences

Putting Theory into Practice...

"During my residency, I was able to apply disease state management concepts that I learned during pharmacy school to work one on one with patients. There was nothing better than getting to work with different types of patients to build up my experience in managing a variety of disease states."

Completing a residency allowed me to experience more in 1 year than I would have ever imagined I could do in my pharmacy career without a residency."

— Cherokee Layson-Wolf, PharmD, CGP

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Summing it All Up...

"A year spent as a community pharmacy resident was the best investment I could have made coming out of school. The experiences I gained have enriched my career in ways I could not imagine or anticipate as a student. I believe that my time as a community pharmacy resident will continue to shape my career through opportunities that may not have been possible without this training."

—Amy K. Kennedy, PharmD

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