Bethesda Hospital – PGY1 Pharmacy Residency

Welcome
On behalf of the Bethesda Pharmacy Department, thank you for your interest in the Bethesda Hospital PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program.

Bethesda Hospital is one of only two long-term acute care hospitals in the state of Minnesota. Our patients typically have complex medical conditions requiring longer-term hospital-level care with daily physician involvement. Patients at Bethesda Hospital have an average length of stay of 28 days, which allows our residents the opportunity to follow patients through many stages of care.

Our pharmacy department practice model is decentralized and integrated with other disciplines, allowing the resident to develop clinical and leadership skills through collaboration with other healthcare providers. Our pharmacy staff has an excellent reputation for its contributions to improved patient care. Pharmacists manage anticoagulant therapy, collaborate with dieticians to manage parenteral nutrition, manage medications requiring pharmacokinetic monitoring, present patients for infectious disease rounds, and interact with patients and their families during medication reconciliation and discharge counseling. Physicians strongly support the pharmacy team at Bethesda and seek input from pharmacists daily.

Bethesda Hospital's PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program provides residents with a comprehensive range of learning experiences, including participation in interdisciplinary care rounds, providing clinical pharmacy services, providing patient education, independent staffing, and completing a major research project. As a resident, you will gain expertise through direct patient care and collaboration with the interdisciplinary care team. Our program prepares the resident to be a competent and confident clinical pharmacist in a community hospital setting, or to pursue advanced training in a PGY2 residency program.

The Bethesda Hospital PGY1 Residency Program utilizes PhORCAS as part of the National Matching Services for all potential applicants. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email. Again, thank you for your interest.

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Why Bethesda Hospital?
At Bethesda Hospital, we provide care for patients with multiple medical conditions and complex needs, particularly ones that require longer-term, hospital-level care with daily physician involvement. Our physicians value and rely on pharmacists’ expertise in caring for these complex patients.

Curriculum
The Bethesda Hospital PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program offers the resident an opportunity to work collaboratively with other health care providers and leaders creating a competent, confident pharmacy practitioner with a firm understanding of how essential the pharmacist's role is in the medication management system and how this spans the entire continuum of patient care.

Bethesda's resident experience includes:
• Developing clinical and critical thinking skills in central and decentralized pharmacist roles
• Participating in interdisciplinary care rounds
• Providing educational sessions to patients and other health care providers
• Didactic learning sessions with experienced preceptors
• Precepting pharmacy students with an optional teaching certificate elective experience
• Completion of a major residency project
• Opportunities for elective rotation at affiliated hospitals and clinics
• Longitudinal medication safety activities

Focused learning experiences
• Internal Medicine
• Infectious Disease
• Critical Care
• Respiratory Care
• Practice Management
• Traumatic Brain Injury
• Geriatrics
• Medication Safety

Elective learning experiences
• Emergency Department (St. John’s)
• Pharmacy Informatics
• Medication Therapy Management
• Pain Management
• Oncology (St. John’s)
• Neurovascular Critical Care (St. Joseph’s)
• Cardiology (St. Joseph’s)
• Mental Health (St. Joseph’s)
• Teaching Certificate

Preceptors
Our pharmacy preceptors are chosen for their clinical expertise and commitment to teaching. You can learn more about our pharmacy preceptors [here](#).

How to apply
The Bethesda Hospital PGY1 Residency Program utilizes the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS) as part of the National Matching Services for all potential applicants. All significant application information and deadlines are posted on PhORCAS.