



## **PGY1 Pharmacy Residency**

### **About Akron Children's Hospital**

- Akron Children's Hospital is the largest pediatric healthcare system in northeast Ohio and is ranked among the best children's hospitals by U.S. News & World Report. To ensure families have convenient access to our pediatric care, we have 2 hospitals in northeast Ohio and more than 60 urgent, primary and specialty care locations. We also partner with other health systems to bring our neonatal and pediatric expertise to patients in their community hospitals coming to a total of 462 inpatient beds providing care to residents throughout Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.
- Founded in 1890, Akron Children's Hospital is dedicated to improving the health of children through outstanding quality patient care, education, advocacy, community service and research. Akron Children's hospital leads the way to healthier futures for children with more than a million patient visits a year.
- Composed of two primary campuses, Akron and Mahoning Valley (Boardman), with additional sites at Cleveland Clinic - Akron General, Aultman, Lorain, St. Elizabeth's (Boardman), St. Joseph's (Warren), Summa Akron City, and Wooster.
- Akron Children's Hospital is committed to remaining an independent, community-governed organization because we believe that this enables us to best achieve our mission and vision and preserve our unique culture. Akron Children's Hospital will be an innovative leader in improving child health and providing high-quality care.
- Akron Children's Hospital promises: 1. To treat every child as we would our own.; 2. To treat others as they want to be treated.; and 3. To turn no child away for any reason.
- Akron Children's has earned Best Children's Hospitals rankings by US News & World Report for 2022-2023 in pediatric neurology/neurosurgery and pediatric orthopedics.
- State-of-the-art electronic medical record with computerized physician order entry and intravenous pump integration.

### **PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Overview**

- Purpose: PGY1 pharmacy residency programs built on pharmacy education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, eligible for board certification (BCPS), and eligible for postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency training.
- Emphasis will be placed on evidence-based medication management, communication, lifelong learning, leadership and patient safety in the unique setting of a children's hospital (Rotations will be primarily at the Akron campus but with opportunities at the Mahoning Valley campus as well).

- Assist with precepting pharmacy students from Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED)
- Staffing component on alternating weekends and one evening twice a month including coverage of one major and one minor holiday.
- One position available
- Prepare for a specialty residency or for a general hospital position within a pediatric setting
- ASHP Accredited (Match #218213)

#### **Core Rotations:**

- Orientation (6 weeks)
- Academia/Precepting (4 weeks)
- Antimicrobial Stewardship/Infectious Diseases (5 weeks)
- Emergency Medicine (Akron and Mahoning Valley for a total of 5 weeks)
- General Pediatrics (4 weeks)
- Hematology/Oncology (4 weeks)
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (Akron, 4 weeks)
- Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (4 weeks)
- Electives (Two 4-week rotations)

#### **Longitudinal Core Rotations:**

- Medication Safety/Pharmacy Administration (combined longitudinal experiences for 6 scheduled weeks throughout the year)
- NEOMED Teaching Certificate – Track 2 (12 months)
- Pharmacy Staffing (12 months)
- Research (12 months)

#### **Potential Elective Rotations (based on availability):**

The director and preceptors recognize the importance of tailoring the experiences to the resident's personal career goals. Potential elective rotations include:

- Advanced Clinical Staffing
- Bone Marrow Transport
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (at Aultman in Canton or Saint Elizabeth's Medical Office Building of Boardman)
- Pharmacy Management/Leadership

Residents may also choose to repeat a core rotation for additional experience

### **Longitudinal Activities:**

- BLS (Basic Life Support) and PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support)
- ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support, optional)

### **Benefits**

- Competitive pay
- Travel allowance for attendance at ASHP Midyear Meeting and Pediatric Pharmacy Association Annual Meeting for final residency presentation
- Paid Vacation
- Family and Sick Leave
- Healthcare Coverage

Discuss with Human Resources regarding specifics and additional benefits.

### **Applications**

Requirements for application include a Pharm.D. from an ACPE accredited college of pharmacy or equivalent experience and Ohio licensure by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Application materials must be submitted via PhORCAS and should include a letter of intent, curriculum vitae, 3 letters of recommendation, and transcripts. Application deadline is **December 27th, 2022.**

In your letter of intent (max 2 pages), please address at least the following questions:

- 1) Why are you choosing to complete a pharmacy residency at a pediatric hospital and what do you have to offer Akron Children's Hospital?
- 2) What specific goals do you want to accomplish during your PGY1 residency and how do you think Akron Children's Hospital will help you to accomplish your goals?
- 3) What would you describe as your strengths and weaknesses?
- 4) What do you think is the largest obstacle facing the profession of pharmacy today?

Please address all correspondence/questions to:

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