

The Centers Pharmacy Residency Program

Residency Overview

The Centers recognizes the importance of advancing the role of the pharmacist and profession of pharmacy in community practice and is dedicated to providing experiential and educational opportunities for pharmacists that both enhance their knowledge base and promote personal growth. The Centers' Postgraduate Year 1 (PGY-1) Community Pharmacy Residency is a 12-month program that provides exposure to the various pharmacist-delivered patient care experiences within community practice.

The pharmacy PGY-1 community residency program at The Centers for Families and Children and Circle Health Services allows residents to become integral members of the health and wellness clinical team to improve patient health outcomes. Residents are responsible for filling adherence packaging for patients, and meeting with patients to assess safety and efficacy of medication regimens.

PGY-1 pharmacy residency programs build 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, eligible for board certification, and eligible for postgraduate year two (PGY-2) pharmacy residency training.

The Centers for Families and Children pharmacies are located at one of The Centers' Health and Wellness Centers in Northeast Ohio, which provide a unique patient solution for enhanced care.

Pharmacy Goals and Objectives:

- Collaborate with the behavioral health and medical staff to assist in enhancing wellness
- Expand and improve the continuum of care for patients
- Provide access to medication management and counseling
- Increase patient adherence to medication therapy and improve health outcomes
- Assist patients with insurance issues
- Provide education on chronic and complex health conditions
- Expand the role of pharmacists within the organization to allow for learning and growth of pharmacy practice

Learning Experiences:

- Dispensing – Residents gain experience staffing at five different locations and become familiar with pharmacy regulations and compliance. Residents are expected to help with vaccine clinics.
- Navigation (Clinical) – Residents work with prescribers to design medication therapy regimens for patients living in underserved areas of Cleveland, Ohio. Residents also have the opportunity to contribute to the expansion of clinical pharmacy services into primary care.
- Project – Residents are required to complete a quality improvement project and a practice innovation project that advances community practice.
- Teaching – Residents earn a teaching certificate through the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy and are responsible for two lectures per semester on psychopharmacology at Ursuline College. Residents gain experience precepting pharmacy students.

Application

Interested applicants must be PharmD graduates of accredited college of pharmacy, be eligible for licensure in the State of Ohio and submit the standard application materials through PhORCAS (i.e., Letter of Intent, CV, the three standard reference forms in PhORCAS, official college transcripts).

Please submit all application materials via Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS). Deadline for receipt of these materials to be considered for an on-site interview is January 7, 2022, by 11:59 p.m.

The Centers for Families and Children and Circle Health Services Residency sites agree that no person at these sites will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

Note:

1. *Residency applicants must currently be authorized to work in the United States. The Centers for Families and Children and Circle Health Services does not sponsor applicants for work Visas.*
2. *Appointments of applicants to residency positions may be contingent upon the applicants satisfying certain eligibility requirements [e.g., graduating from accredited college of pharmacy, obtaining pharmacist license in Ohio (within 90 days of start date, and successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen).*

More Information:

Please direct further questions regarding the PGY-1 program at The Centers for Families and Children and Circle Health Services to:

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Benefits

General

- Lab coats and business cards
- Resident workspace
- Laptop computer
- Online library Access
- BLS/ACLS/PALS Certification
- Continuing Education
- Immunizations

Health Benefits

- Standard Comprehensive Medical Coverage
- Prescription drug benefit
- Life Insurance
- Disability
- Dental
- Vision

Preceptors

Eric Geyer, PharmD, RPh, BCMTMS

Director of Pharmacy, Residency Program Director

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Preceptor: Project

Education and Training:

- PharmD: University of Toledo College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Nataša Živak, PharmD, RPh

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Preceptor: Teaching, Project, Navigation (Clinical)

Education and Training:

- PharmD: Northeast Ohio Medical University College of Pharmacy (NEOMED)
- PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency: The Centers for Families and Children and Circle Health Services

Ryan Bender, PharmD, RPh

Pharmacy Manager

Preceptor: Dispensing

Education and Training:

- PharmD: Ohio Northern University College of Pharmacy
- PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency: The Centers for Families and Children and Circle Health Services

Alicia Bess, PharmD, RPh

Pharmacy Manager

Preceptor: Dispensing

Education and Training:

- PharmD: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine School of Pharmacy (LECOM)

Amanda Colangelo, PharmD, RPh

Pharmacy Manager

Preceptor: Dispensing

Education and Training:

- PharmD: University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy
- PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency: The Centers for Families and Children and Circle Health Services

Matthew Dunbar, PharmD, RPh

Clinical Pharmacist

Preceptor: Navigation (Clinical)

Education and Training:

- PharmD: Ohio Northern University College of Pharmacy
- PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency: The Centers for Families and Children and Circle Health Services

Diamond Phillips, PharmD, RPh

Pharmacy Manager

Preceptor: Dispensing

Education and Training:

- PharmD: University of Toledo College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Maggie Sturm, PharmD, RPh

Clinical Pharmacist

Preceptor: Navigation (Clinical)

Education and Training:

- PharmD: Ohio State University College of Pharmacy
- PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency: The Centers for Families and Children and Circle Health Services

Dragana Živak, PharmD, RPh

Pharmacy Manager

Preceptor: Dispensing

Education and Training:

- PharmD: Northeast Ohio Medical University College of Pharmacy (NEOMED)