

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How many resident positions are available?** Three (3) pharmacy residency positions are available each year.
2. **Do you offer a PGY2?** Not at this time.
3. **How many years has the program been established?** The program was established in 2002.
4. **How many residents have completed the program?** Nineteen (19) residents have completed the program and 7 of the residents have been hired at Community Medical Centers.
5. **What are the rotations and how long do they last?** There are 5 core clinical rotations, that last for 6 weeks —Ambulatory Care, Critical Care, Emergency Medicine, Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine. In addition, there is a core Administrative Rotation that lasts 4 weeks.
6. **What about electives?** There are 2 elective rotations that last for 4 weeks —any of the core rotations can be taken, plus Administration and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.
7. **When does the program begin?** The residency year begins on July 1, but residents must come in earlier to complete all Human Resources paperwork and health screenings before the start of the program.
8. **What makes Community Medical Centers' residency program different from other programs?** We offer many different types of rotations, and Community is one of the few hospital systems that is a regional academic medical center, training medical residents through the UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program. Community Regional Medical center is the Level I trauma center from Los Angeles to Sacramento, regional burn center and Level III NICU. We also have a diverse, intelligent, and amazing group of preceptors that help train and mentor pharmacy residents.
9. **Do you offer teaching opportunities?** Yes, as we are affiliated with University of California, San Francisco schools of medicine and pharmacy, and University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long school of pharmacy and health sciences, there are plenty of opportunities to teach and educate. You are expected to be a co-preceptor when you have a pharmacy student on rotation with you. You will discuss specific topics with students and help them prepare journal club and case presentations. In addition, you also are expected to provide in-service to the medicine teams.
10. **Do resident candidates have to prepare a presentation for the interviews?** Yes, if selected for an interview, a presentation will be a requirement -details will be provided if selected.