Welcome to Christian Hospital’s Pharmacy Residency Program
About the Residency Program

Christian Hospital, a 220-staffed bed community hospital located in north St. Louis County and a member of nationally renowned BJC HealthCare, is offering an extraordinary opportunity in a pharmacy practice residency accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

The pharmacy department provides nutritional support, pharmacokinetics, and antibiotic dosing services as well as involvement in multidisciplinary rounds on select units and in multiple performance improvement committees.

The pharmacy department also utilizes a state-of-the-art medical informatics system in cooperation with Washington University School of Medicine to alert pharmacists regarding medication management. The department utilizes automation for medication management, distribution, bar-coding, and computerized physician order entry.

The department has 22 pharmacists, 20 technicians, and three pharmacy students. The goal of the program is to prepare a clinical pharmacist for a generalist clinical pharmacist position in a community hospital.

Applying for Our Residency

Application Deadline: January 4, 2019

NMS Code: 217113

Applicants must submit through PhORCAS a personal statement, pharmacy transcripts, three letters of recommendation and curriculum vitae. An on-site interview is also required. The Pharmacy Practice Residency Program at Christian Hospital participates in the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Resident Matching Program (the “Match”). In accordance to the “Match”, no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

Please contact us if you are interested in the program or have any questions regarding the residency program.

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Resident Salary and Benefits

Salary
$47,476

Health and Dental Insurance
Residents are eligible for enrollment in group health insurance. Coverage starts after the first of July.

Life Insurance
The hospital provides term life insurance at one times the annual salary at no cost to the resident.

Paid Time Off
A total of 23 days of Paid Time Off (PTO) are provided. These days are used for holidays, vacation days, and the first five days of any extended episode of illness. Paid Time Off hours will accumulate beginning on the first day of employment.

Authorized Absence
Up to five days will be allowed to travel for job interviews. This absence must be approved by the rotation preceptor.

Holidays
The five annual holidays are Christmas, New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving. The resident will be scheduled to work only one holiday.

Support Services
Residents have office space, copying privileges, access to personal computers and free parking. Residents are also provided access to various drug information resources.

Licensure
Residents must be licensed with the Missouri Board of Pharmacy by October 31st.

Learn more! Visit ChristianHospital.org/Careers/ApplyOnline or call our human resources representative at 314-653-5541.

Program Details

Resident Activities
Residents participate in a variety of educational and service activities throughout the year.

Residency Project
The resident is responsible for conceiving, devising and conducting a project during the year. The project will be completed under the guidance of one of the residency preceptors. Residents will present their research at the St. Louis Area Resident Research Conference.

Pharmacy Presentations
Residents will present and discuss at least three articles of interest (journal club) and four formal cases.

Teaching Responsibilities
Residents receive appointments as Adjunct Instructors at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. The resident will participate in a didactic teaching workshop arranged through the college and participate in developing a teaching activity associated with the workshop. Residents will also have the opportunity to lead topic discussions with PharmD students.

Resident Seminar
The resident presents a formal seminar to the St. Louis metropolitan area residents. Assistance and guidelines for seminar presentation will be provided.

Service Commitment
The resident will provide staffing to the department by working weekends.

Travel
The residents will be required to attend ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting. Travel support is provided by Christian Hospital.
Residency Learning Sites

Internal Medicine
The residents will be responsible for identifying and resolving medication therapy issues and will work toward assuming care of all patients on the unit. They will actively participate in multidisciplinary rounds. The resident will also assist in precepting Pharm.D. students.
Preceptor: Jacklyn A. Harris, PharmD, BCPS

Preceptor: Nancy Konieczny, RPh, MBA

Integrative Care
The residents will be responsible for ensuring safe and effective medication use and distribution for their assigned patient care units. They will work with the nurses and physicians to provide excellent pharmaceutical services, including pharmacokinetic consultations, medication dosing consultations, and patient counseling.
Preceptor: Krista Aljets, PharmD, BCPS

Comprehensive Pharmacy Services
The residents will be responsible for ensuring safe and effective medication use and distribution for patients throughout the hospital. They will perform order review/verification/clarification, pharmacokinetic consultations, and medication dosing consultations. Residents will also be responsible for reviewing adverse drug reactions and managing alerts from the pharmacy alert system.
Preceptors: Peggy Pace, RPh, BCPS, CGP, Christine Riat, PharmD

Antibiotic Stewardship
The residents will be responsible for identifying and resolving medication therapy problems for patients on the Infectious Disease (ID) service, as well as making appropriate recommendations. They will also review antibiotics for appropriateness based upon culture and sensitivities and evaluate duration of therapy. Residents will actively participate in the Antibiotic Stewardship Committee.
Preceptor: Jessica Kolkmeyer, PharmD, BCPS

Administration
The Administration rotation will help residents become familiar with key principles utilized in hospitals and health systems for leadership and pharmacy administration. The syllabus is designed to expose the learner to leader-ship and administrative nomenclature, key principles, tools and available resources. The learner will participate in several activities designed to improve their working knowledge and experience with leadership concepts. The rotation will enable the resident to apply knowledge in any pharmacy practice setting to improve leadership skills.
Preceptor: Nancy Konieczny, RPh, MBA
Karen Scott, RPh, MBA

Critical Care
Pharmacy residents on rotation in the intensive care units will be responsible for providing excellent pharmaceutical care for patients who are in need of critical care services. They will actively participate in the care of patients and help recommend drug therapy for a spectrum of diseases and conditions, working with a multidisciplinary team rounding daily in the ICU. They will be responsible for providing pharmacokinetic consultations, medication dosing consultations, nutrition services, and be available as a resource for drug information for other health professionals.
Preceptor: Krista Aljets, PharmD, BCPS and Jay Martin, RPh

Emergency Medicine
Pharmacy residents on rotation in the emergency department will be responsible for providing optimal drug management for patients who are in need of emergent care. They will actively participate in the care of patients and help recommend drug therapy for a spectrum of diseases and conditions, from acute pharyngitis to advanced cardiac life support. They will educate patients about their medications and be available as a resource for drug information for other emergency health professionals.
Preceptor: Krista Aljets, PharmD, BCPS

Clinical Operations and Communication
The resident will develop, facilitate and evaluate multi-layered educational activities. The resident will refine their communication skills and be required to effectively educate others. They will gain experience in adjusting their communication style to the level of the audience. Examples include inservices, medication use evaluations, newsletters, small group discussions. The resident will become familiar with health system informatics, automation and information technology. They will learn about key principles, tools and resources that will enable them to apply this knowledge in order to optimize patient care and safety.
Preceptor: Heather Mandeville, PharmD, BCPS

Transitions of Care
During this learning experience, the residents will get exposed to several transitions of care, including admission and discharge. Residents will actively participate in multidisciplinary rounds, provide counseling to high-risk patients, and conduct medication profile reviews for patients enrolled in the Community Health Access Program (CHAP).
Preceptor: Jacklyn A Harris, PharmD, BCPS

Drug Information/Drug Policy Development (at Barnes-Jewish Hospital)
The purpose of this learning experience is to give the residents practical experience in providing unbiased drug information to health care professionals and patients, and to participate in the drug use policy process. The residents will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge base regarding appropriate utilization of the drug literature and be given experience in literature retrieval and evaluation using references available in the Drug Information Center and medical center library.
Preceptor: Jane Portell, Pharm.D, BCPS
2018–19 Resident Profiles

Cathy Grierson, PharmD
PGY-1 Pharmacy Resident
Cathy grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. She has long aspired to pursue a profession in the pharmaceutical world. She finished pharmacy school at The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy in 2011 and became a community pharmacist in Ohio, participating in clinical work for the company she worked for. After her move to St. Louis, Missouri, she applied for a pharmacy residency to complete training in hospital pharmacy to build upon her knowledge in pharmacy. Cathy hopes to apply for a PGY2 Internal Medicine residency.

“I am excited to begin researching on various pharmaceutical topics in my PGY1 residency at Christian Hospital. I hope to gain valuable knowledge in internal medicine, gain teaching experience, and present results on a valuable research project. I am excited to use my knowledge on the next step of my journey.”

Sarah Tortora, PharmD
PGY-1 Pharmacy Resident
Sarah is originally from Cedar Rapids, Iowa and graduated from the University of Iowa in 2018 with her Doctorate of Pharmacy. Her current professional interests include cardiology, diabetes, and nephrology. She enjoys working with underserved populations and providing education to patients and other healthcare providers. After her PGY-1 residency, her plan is to complete a PGY-2 residency or take a position as a clinical pharmacist. Sarah is excited to start her career at Christian Hospital, and hopes to continue to learn and grow as a member of the healthcare team in a diverse environment to best serve the patients in her community.

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Relocating to St. Louis – Area Features

St. Louis has been recognized several times as one of the top places to live for young professionals by Forbes.com. St. Louis is also known to have earned a top spot among the nation’s top 20 metro areas based on cost of living and affordable housing.

The metro area always provides an abundance of things to do, many of them without cost. Forest Park is one of the largest inner city parks in the country and is home to the St. Louis Zoo, St. Louis Art Museum, Missouri History Museum, The Muny Theatre, and the Jewel Box.

St. Louis is home to the St. Louis Cardinals and the St. Louis Blues hockey team.

Travel a short distance out of the metro area, and you will find many other activities including Six Flags St. Louis, Missouri’s Coaster Capital, and Meramec Caverns, the largest cave system in Missouri.

St. Louis is home to many unique neighborhoods offering a variety of restaurants, bars, and shopping. Downtown St. Louis houses the city’s sports venues and is the site of many celebrations including July 4th and St. Patrick’s Day. The Delmar Loop/University City area is the site of many unique and historical concert venues. The Hill, St. Louis’s historic Italian neighborhood, is home to the Missouri Botanical Gardens and houses more than 15 authentic Italian restaurants. Soulard provides a little taste of the New Orleans French Quarter here in St. Louis and is the site of the biggest Mardi Gras celebration outside of New Orleans, and is home to historic Soulard’s Farmers’ Market, where you can find fresh produce and goods year-round.

Christian Hospital is a leader among hospitals in the St. Louis region – in particular, for our excellence in heart services and lifesaving cardiothoracic surgery, emergency medicine, cancer treatment, radiology, urology, pulmonology and radiation oncology.

Our convenient facilities have nearly 600 physicians on staff and a diverse workforce of more than 2,000, all dedicated to providing the absolute best care with the latest technology and medical advances.

All Pharmacy Residency Program learning experiences will take place on the Main Campus.

Three Locations, One Mission

Christian Hospital’s Main Campus is situated on 27 acres located at the intersection of Interstate 270 and Highway 367.

Northwest HealthCare is a bright, modern concept facility located on Graham Road, just one block north of Interstate 270 - about seven miles from our main campus.
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