



## St. John's Hospital - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency

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Welcome! On behalf of the St. John's Pharmacy Department, thank you for your interest in the St. John's PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program.

As the Residency Program Director, I congratulate you on the progress you've made so far in your pharmacy education. The fact that you are interested in a residency program shows your commitment to lifelong learning, which will be a valuable asset as you enter this exciting profession. St. John's Hospital is a 184-bed community hospital serving a diverse patient population, from neonates as young as 28 weeks gestation to geriatric patients. As the primary hospital in the northeast metro, we provide a wide range of patient care services, including critical care, emergency medicine and oncology. The goal of the St. John's PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program is to educate and develop a confident, well-rounded practitioner ready to independently provide patient care in a community health system or pursue training in a PGY2 residency program. Our program offers an excellent opportunity to work closely with dedicated, highly-qualified pharmacists while building a solid knowledge base and strengthening clinical skills. Each day will bring an opportunity to advance your practice and I am confident that our program will prepare you well for your future career goals.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to [contact me](#) directly. The St. John's Residency Program utilizes PhORCAS as part of the National Matching Services for all potential applicants. All significant application information and deadlines are posted on PhORCAS.

### Why St. John's Hospital?

[St. John's Hospital](#) is a 184-bed community hospital committed to providing superior health care to our growing community. As the primary hospital in the northeast metro, our wide range of patient care services include neonatal intensive care, surgery, critical care and emergency medicine. St. John's is also the primary campus for HealthEast Cancer Care services, providing leading-edge inpatient and outpatient care for a wide range of cancer diagnoses.

We have been providing compassionate care to our community for more than 100 years

- Our Judeo-Christian roots ensure full-spectrum care that respects the dignity of each person and welcomes all faith traditions, cultures and communities.
- St. John's is one of three HealthEast facilities recognized by The Joint Commission with The Gold Seal of Approval with an Advanced Certification in Stroke (Primary Stroke Center).
- The Joint Commission has also named St. John's a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures in Heart Attack, Heart Failure, Pneumonia and Surgical Care.

Our pharmacists have been decentralized for more than 25 years. Given this history, pharmacists and pharmacy residents are well-respected, integral members of the health care team, participating in multi-disciplinary care rounds and continuing to fulfill critical roles on inter-disciplinary clinical groups. Our pharmacy leaders highly encourage professional growth and many of our pharmacists are board certified and active members of professional pharmacy organizations.

**Curriculum:**

The St. John's PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Program offers the resident an opportunity to work collaboratively with other health care providers and leaders. This program will provide the resident with the opportunities needed to become a confident, well-rounded 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.

**St. John's Resident Experience Includes:**

- Opportunities to hone clinical skills functioning in various decentralized, centralized, and ambulatory pharmacist roles
- Participation in and contribution to interdisciplinary care rounds with specialty care physicians
- Participation in health system pharmacy and interdisciplinary committees such as Medication Safety Committee, Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and Pharmacy Practice Committee
- Didactic learning sessions with experienced preceptors who offer hands-on guidance and education as you navigate complex disease states and drug information questions
- Developing and leading educational sessions for pharmacists and other care providers
- Serving as a role model, mentor and preceptor to pharmacy students
- Completion of a major professional project to be presented at the annual Midwest Pharmacy Residency Conference
- Engagement in the profession through state and national advocacy and education initiatives
- Collaboration with HealthEast, Fairview, and local health system pharmacy residents on projects and initiatives of your choosing

**Preceptors:**

Our pharmacy preceptors are chosen for their clinical expertise and commitment to teaching. [Learn about the St. John's pharmacy preceptors.](#)

**How To Apply:**

The HealthEast Pharmacy Residency program uses the [Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service \(PhORCAS\)](#) as part of the National Matching Service (NMS).