

**Post Graduate Year 1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Program  
Frequently Asked Questions - For 2024 Showcases**

**1. How many resident positions are available?**

Four pharmacy PGY-1 resident positions are available for 2025 – 2026.

**2. When was the program established?**

The Valley Children's pharmacy residency program was established in 1999.

**3. How many residents have completed the program?**

70 residents have completed the program and 48 of the residents have been hired by Valley Children's after completion of their residency.

**4. What are the core rotations and how long do they last?**

Each of the core rotations last 6 weeks. These rotations include:

- a. Pharmacy Operations training
- b. General Medicine
- c. Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
- d. Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)
- e. Hematology/Oncology
- f. Administration or Medication Safety and Compliance

Longitudinal rotations include pharmacy operations (staffing), anticoagulation clinic, research and teaching. These longitudinal rotations coincide with the clinical rotations throughout the year.

**5. What about electives?**

There is one elective rotation block for the year. The resident may choose one of the following:

- a. Parenteral Nutrition
- b. Information Technology Services
- c. Infectious Diseases
- d. Ambulatory Care (Primary Care Clinic or Neurology Clinic)
- e. Emergency Medicine
- f. Home Care
- g. California Poison Control

The resident may also choose to repeat a previous rotation with a more advanced focus. Electives are subject to change.

**6. Do you offer teaching opportunities?**

Yes! There are plenty of opportunities to teach and precept via our affiliations with *University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine and Pharmacy* and *University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences* in addition to other pharmacy schools both in-state and out-of-state. Residents are expected to review topics on pediatric disease states and to guide the preparation of journal clubs and patient cases with Advance Pharmacy Practice Experience students.

**7. Is there a Teaching Certificate program offered?**

For the 2024-2025 year residents we offered a Teaching Certificate through APhA. Depending on funding and availability, this may also be offered in future years.

**8. When does the program begin?**

The residency year generally begins in the last week of June and there is one week of overlap between incoming and graduating residents. The official start date will be updated on our website.

**9. Do resident candidates have to prepare a presentation for residency interviews?**

Yes. If selected for an interview, a presentation on a pediatric topic will be required. Details and topics will be provided on our website.

**10. Do you offer a post graduate year 2 (PGY-2)?**

Yes! A one-year non-ASHP accredited PGY-2 in pediatric intensive care is offered. If interested, email us at [pharmacy@valleychildrens.org](mailto:pharmacy@valleychildrens.org) or visit our virtual residency showcase booth at CSHP Seminar and/or ASHP Midyear for more information.

**For any additional questions, please visit our website [www.valleychildrens.org/pgy1](http://www.valleychildrens.org/pgy1) or email us at [pharmacy@valleychildrens.org](mailto:pharmacy@valleychildrens.org).**