

**Post Graduate Year 1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Program
Frequently Asked Questions - For 2025 Showcases**

1. How many resident positions are available?

Four pharmacy PGY-1 resident positions are available for 2026-2027.

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?

75 residents have completed the program and 52 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 required rotations last 6 weeks. These rotations include:

- a. Pharmacy Operations and Dispensing
- b. General Medicine Team A/B (Garden Satellite)
- c. Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
- d. Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)
- e. Hematology/Oncology
- f. Antimicrobial Stewardship/Infectious Diseases
- g. Emergency Medicine
- h. Pharmacy Administration

Longitudinal rotations include Pharmacy Operations and Dispensing, anticoagulation clinic, Research and Teaching and Education. 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. Neurology Clinic
- b. Primary Care Clinic
- c. Medication Safety and Compliance
- d. Cystic Fibrosis – Once Weekly Service
- e. Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit

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?

The 2025-2026 year residents were offered a Teaching Certificate through the University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and APhA. This is expected to 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 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 [Pharmacy Residency Program for postgraduate year 1 | Valley Children's Healthcare](#) or email us at pharmacy@valleychildrens.org.