Shepherd Center PGY1 Program builds on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, eligible for board certification, and eligible for postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency training.

Shepherd Center, located in Atlanta, Georgia, is a private, not-for-profit hospital specializing in medical treatment, research and rehabilitation for people with spinal cord injury, brain injury, multiple sclerosis, spine and chronic pain, and other neuromuscular conditions.

Founded in 1975, Shepherd Center is ranked by U.S. News as one of the nation’s top 10 hospitals for rehabilitation and the best in the Southeast. Shepherd Center has also been named one of Atlanta’s best places to work by the Atlanta Business Chronicle. In its more than four decades, Shepherd Center has grown from a six-bed rehabilitation unit to a world-renowned, 152-bed hospital that treats more than 850 inpatients and 7,600 outpatients annually with unmatched expertise and unwavering compassion to help them begin again.

Shepherd Center is a world-renowned provider of comprehensive, specialized rehabilitation for people with spinal cord injury, brain injury and stroke.

For directions, visit shepherd.org/location.
Our goal is to train pharmacists who are confident and knowledgeable in providing pharmaceutical services across a comprehensive continuum of care.

The Shepherd Center Pharmacy Residency Program cultivates self-motivation, commitment to lifelong learning and dedication to the advancement of the profession. Upon completion of this program, our residents will be prepared to pursue clinical positions or further specialty training in a PGY2 residency program.

Available Rotations

Core Required Rotations:
- Orientation (4 weeks)
- Pharmacokinetics and Clinical Orientation (4 weeks)
- Internal Medicine I¹ (5 weeks)
- Internal Medicine II² (5 weeks)
- Infectious Disease (5 weeks)
- Transitions of Care (5 weeks)
- Critical Care/Pulmonary (5 weeks)
- MS/Specialty Drugs (5 weeks)
- Cardiology (5 weeks)

Elective Rotations²:
- Advanced Internal Medicine (5 weeks)
- Advanced Infectious Disease (5 weeks)
- Advanced Transitions of Care (5 weeks)

Longitudinal Required Rotations:
- Research (12 months)
- Pharmacy Education and Leadership³ (12 months)
- Pharmacy Practice (12 months)
- Drug Information (9 months)

¹IM I and II are not required to be scheduled in sequential order.
²One Elective rotation is required. May choose one among Advanced Internal Medicine, Advanced Infectious Disease, and Advanced Transitions of Care.
³Shepherd Center PGY1 Program also offers a Pharmacy Teaching Program through Mercer University College of Pharmacy (MUCOP) for residents to gain experience in teaching and education.

Applicants should possess a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and be eligible for licensure in Georgia. Selection will be based on a letter of intent, qualifications of the applicant and letters of recommendation. After the initial review process, select applicants will be asked to come to Shepherd Center for a personal interview.

All materials should be submitted via PhORCAS.

Applicant Qualifications & Application Process

- Letter of intent and curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation from preceptors or employers
- Pharmacy school transcripts
- Notification of any work permit, visa or licensure issues
- Participation in ASHPs National Matching Program

Residents Responsibilities

- Provide direct patient care
- Complete a major residency project
- Ongoing program and self-evaluation
- Provide staffing coverage every fourth weekend, weekday evening shifts as needed, and one major holiday
- Co-precept students from the University of Georgia and Mercer University

Questions?

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