Why Pursue a Pharmacy Residency?

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Objectives

• Review the purpose of pharmacy residency training
• Identify the types of pharmacy residency programs
• Describe the opportunities afforded to pharmacy residents
• Explain the application and “Match” process

What is a Pharmacy Residency?

• Salaried, postgraduate training program
• Practice as a licensed practitioner
• Direct patient care and practice management

Purpose

“To accelerate the resident’s growth beyond entry-level professional competence in direct patient care and in practice management, and to further develop leadership skills that can be applied in any position and in any practice setting.”

Past to Present

• Started in the 1930s
• Accreditation standards developed in the 1960s
• 1500 pharmacists complete residency training each year
• Over 800 pharmacy residency programs across the United States

PGY1 and PGY2 Residencies

PGY1
General competencies

PGY2
Specific area of study
Benefits of Pharmacy Residency

Apply learned skills from pharmacy school
- Critical thinking
- Direct patient care
- Pharmacotherapy
- Research

Develop new skills
- Time management
- Leadership
- Communication
- Public speaking

Broaden your professional network
Achieve your professional vision

A competitive advantage in the job market

Career planning

**American College of Clinical Pharmacy's Vision of the Future: Postgraduate Pharmacy Residency Training as a Prerequisite for Direct Patient Care Practice**

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Curriculum vitae
Letter of intent
Letters of recommendation
Official transcripts

**Residency Application**

- Apply through Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application (PhORCAS)
  - Online application system
  - Upload all required documents for applications
  - $150 fee for registration
  - $100 for the first 4 applications → $40 for each additional application

- Applications due late December to early January
  - Each program has specific deadline

**Interview Process**

- Late January to February
  - Typically on-site interviews that vary between half-day to full-day sessions
  - Meet with groups of faculty or staff members
  - Meet with current residents
Interview Tips

• Research, research, research!
• Have questions prepared
• Schedule your initial top choice program interview last, if possible
• Keep an open mind
• Be on time

“Match” Process

• Requires applicants and residency programs to concurrently rank their preferred sites and applicants, respectively
• Rank list due early March
• Rank list can be changed as much as you want prior to the deadline
• Helpful hint: Do not wait until the day of the deadline to enter your final list
• Make your rank list based on your true preferences
• Website: www.natmatch.com/ashpmp

Two-Phase Match

Phase I
Phase II
Scramble

Post-Match Scramble

• A listing of positions that remain available after the match are open for participants who did not match at a program
• New positions may be added at any time by programs post match
• Re-submit application to selected programs

2017 Match Statistics

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*Early commitment positions (n=363) not included
### Suggested Timeline

#### September
- Draft CV and letter of intent
- Identify individuals to write letters of recommendation

#### October
- Register for ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting

#### November
- Research programs
- Register for PHORCAS and the Match

#### December
- Attend Residency Showcase
- Finalize applications

#### January
- Applications due

#### February
- Interview with sites that have extended an invitation

#### March
- Submit rank list
- Match Day!

### Conclusion
- Pharmacy residencies are excellent post-graduate training opportunities
- First- and second-year residency programs provide general and specialized training, respectively
- Residency training advances skill sets and provides opportunities for future advancement
- The application process to obtain a pharmacy residency involves multiple steps and concludes with the Match

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