



Mercy Health — St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital Pharmacy PGY1 Residency Program

Helping you reach your full potential



Thank you for your interest in our residency program.

Our goal is to train pharmacy residents to become confident and competent practitioners in the acute care setting. Our program provides the mentorship and flexibility necessary to tailor the residency year to fit your practice interests and help you achieve your personal goals.

We look forward to speaking with you about the residency opportunities available at Mercy Health — St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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About us

Mercy Health — St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital is a member of Bon Secours Mercy Health, the fifth largest Catholic health care ministry in the United States and one of the nation's 20 largest health care systems. Bon Secours Mercy Health has 43 hospitals across the east coast and in Ohio and Kentucky. In the Youngstown area, these hospitals are:

- Mercy Health — St. Elizabeth Youngtown Hospital
- Mercy Health — St. Elizabeth Boardman Hospital
- Mercy Health — St. Joseph Warren Hospital

Our mission

We extend the compassionate ministry of Jesus by improving the health and well-being of our communities and bring good help to those in need, especially people who are poor, dying and underserved.

Our values

The values that guide us include human dignity, integrity, compassion, stewardship and service.

Our hospital

- We're a tertiary care university-affiliated teaching and community hospital licensed for 550 beds.
- We offer the advantages of a large metropolitan hospital with the individual attention you need to develop to your full potential.
- We're located midway between Pittsburgh and Cleveland — with the region's only Level 1 Trauma Center.
- We host Mercy College's Youngstown Campus and the St. Elizabeth School for Nurse Anesthetists. We're also a major teaching facility for the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED).
- We have a dental residency, as well as residencies for postgraduate physician training in general surgery, family medicine, internal medicine, orthopedics and a transitional year.
- Mercy Health — St. Elizabeth Boardman and Mercy Health — St. Joseph Warren Hospitals also have residencies for postgraduate physician training in emergency medicine.

Our pharmacy

The Department of Pharmacy operates 24 hours a day with about 30 professional and 25 supporting staff members. Our pharmacists serve as preceptors for several pharmacy schools in Ohio.

The clinical pharmacy department provides:

- Clinical pharmacy services in the emergency department
- Drug information
- Education to various health care professionals
- Formulary services and policy development
- Patient care rounding with multidisciplinary teams (family medicine, internal medicine and critical care)
- Pharmacokinetic and anticoagulant consultation services



The Postgraduate Year One (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency Program conducted by Mercy Health — St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).

Our residency program

The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency is a 12-month program with an emphasis in acute care and experiences in ambulatory care, practice management, drug policy and formulary management, hospital practice and academic development. In addition to the required residency rotations, the resident can tailor the program to his/her personal interests through a variety of elective opportunities. Consistent with other residency programs, the design and conduct of a major project and a pharmacy service component are required.

The strengths of our program include internal medicine, critical care, emergency medicine and the numerous opportunities available to participate in the education of pharmacy students, resident physicians and other health care professionals. Residents also participate in a longitudinal teaching certificate program (offered by the Northeast Ohio Medical University College of Pharmacy) that provides an opportunity to improve their didactic, small group and experiential teaching skills.

The residency program was established in 2004 and is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).

Required learning experiences

One-month rotations:

- Advanced internal medicine (with pharmacy student preceptorship)
- Critical care (two months)
- Emergency medicine
- Internal medicine
- Practice management
- Transitions of care

Longitudinal rotations:

- Clinical services (consultation service)
- Hospital policy and formulary management
- Hospital practice
- Medication safety/management
- Residency project
- Teaching and education (including teaching certificate program)

Elective learning experiences

The resident may choose one physician co-precepted elective rotation. Flexibility exists to create additional electives based on resident interest. Up to one month of elective time may be used for research project implementation/ completion, if necessary for the project and approved by the residency director.

Pharmacist precepted elective rotations:

- Anticoagulation clinic
- Family medicine
- Oncology
- Repeat a required one-month rotation (internal medicine, critical care, emergency medicine)

Pharmacist and Physician co-precepted elective rotations:

- Cardiology
- Geriatrics
- Infectious disease
- Nephrology
- Palliative Care
- Trauma service

Start date and benefits

- **Residency start date:** The last week of June, includes a one-week hospital orientation for new residents.
- **Service requirement:** Every other weekend. Includes clinical services and a pharmacy staffing component.
- **Stipend:** \$47,486
- **Benefits:** A comprehensive benefits package includes health care and prescription coverage, dental and vision coverage, life insurance, and optional participation in a 403b program. Eligibility for benefits starts July 1.
- **Paid time off:** Total of 15 days (sick, vacation and personal time)
- **Professional time off:** A minimum of 10 days
- **Holiday requirement:** Resident works only one holiday, receives six hospital-recognized holidays off with pay.
- **Parking:** Free, covered garage

Additional resources

- Medical library at hospital
- Research department
- Resident office space with personal computer
- Access to a free employee fitness center
- BLS/ACLS certification training

Teaching certificate program

When you participate in the teaching certificate program, you'll be given a title of Clinical Instructor at the Northeast Ohio Medical University's College of Pharmacy. You'll have access to the university's intranet, course management system and extensive library resources.

Our faculty/alumni

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ALUMNI

Aubrey Abbas, PharmD (2018-2019)

The Ohio State University — Doctor of Pharmacy

- Residency project: Impact of a pharmacist-optimized education and transition (POET) service at a community teaching hospital.
- Position after residency: Pharmacist, St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital, Youngstown, OH

Jennifer McKay, PharmD (2018-2019)

Northeast Ohio Medical University — Doctor of Pharmacy

- Residency project: Comparison of Non-Opioid Analgesics to Opioid Analgesics for Flank Pain in an Emergency Department after In-Service Education
- Position after residency: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Mercy Health — St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital, Youngstown, OH

Matthew Gatchel, PharmD (2017-2018)

Duquesne University — Doctor of Pharmacy

- Residency project: Ascorbic acid, thiamine, and hydrocortisone: targeted therapy for the management of septic shock
- Position after residency: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist (Emergency Medicine), St. Joseph Warren Hospital, Warren, OH

Travis Macek, PharmD, BCPS (2016-2017)

Northeast Ohio Medical University — Doctor of Pharmacy

- Residency project: A targeted multimodal antimicrobial stewardship protocol in patients with or at high risk for developing Pseudomonas aeruginosa pneumonia
- Position after residency: PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident, WakeMed/UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy, Raleigh, NC

Robert Woods, PharmD, BCPS (2015-2016)

Northeast Ohio Medical University — Doctor of Pharmacy

- Residency project: Ketadex for adult procedural sedation and analgesia in the emergency department
- Position after residency: PGY2 Emergency Medicine Pharmacy Resident, Tampa General Hospital, Tampa, FL

Mary (Liz) Fredrickson, PharmD, BCPS (2014–2015)

Northeast Ohio Medical University — Doctor of Pharmacy

- Residency project: Evaluation of the impact of a clinical pharmacist-facilitated multi-disciplinary pain, agitation and delirium protocol for mechanically ventilated intensive care unit patients
- Position after residency: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist (Critical Care), St. Joseph Warren, Warren, OH

Rachel Mitchell, PharmD, BCPS (2013–2014)

West Virginia University — Doctor of Pharmacy

- Residency project: Comparison of two pharmacist-delivered transitions of care models for patients discharged home from a community teaching hospital
- Position after residency: Pharmacy Clinical Specialist, Allied Specialty Pharmacy, West Virginia University Hospitals, Morgantown, WV

Audrey Kendra, PharmD, BCPS (2012–2013)

Ohio Northern University — Doctor of Pharmacy

- Residency project: A comparison of clinical outcomes in sepsis patients following treatment with ketamine or etomidate use in rapid sequence intubation
- Position after residency: Unit-based Inpatient Pharmacist, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

Dawn Miller, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP (2010–2011)

The Ohio State University — Doctor of Pharmacy

- Residency project: A comparison of clinical and economic outcomes of treatment with daptomycin and vancomycin at a community teaching hospital
- Position after residency: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist (Critical Care), St. Elizabeth Boardman, Boardman, OH

Sara (Lattanzio) Triglia, PharmD, BCPS (2008–2009)

The Ohio State University — Doctor of Pharmacy

- Residency project: Impact of a clinical pharmacist on emergency medicine services
- Position after residency: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist (Family Medicine), St. Elizabeth Youngstown, Youngstown, OH

Tiffany Kimmerle, PharmD (2007–2008)

Duquesne University — Doctor of Pharmacy

- Residency project: Impact of an inpatient pharmacy service on anticoagulant risk reduction
- Position after residency: Clinical Pharmacist, Department of Veterans Affairs, Butler, PA

Darcie (Sullivan) Hutchinson, PharmD, BCPS, BCGP (2006–2007)

University at Buffalo — Doctor of Pharmacy

- Residency project: Evaluation of the clinical and economic outcomes of a pilot antimicrobial stewardship program
- Position after residency: Clinical Pharmacist, Canandaigua VA Medical Center, Canandaigua, NY

Stephanie (Kibler) Gensler, PharmD (2005–2006)

University of Toledo — Doctor of Pharmacy

- Residency project: Evaluation of ondansetron prescribing and efficacy in treating nausea and vomiting unrelated to PONV and CINV
- Position after residency: Patient Care Pharmacist (Anticoagulation), St. Elizabeth Boardman Anticoagulation Clinic, Boardman, OH

Michael Hall, PharmD (2004–2005)

Ohio Northern University — Doctor of Pharmacy

- Residency project: Evaluation of piperacillin/tazobactam utilization and resistance patterns
- Position after residency: Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator, Mercy Medical Center, Canton, OH

How to apply

The Residency program attends both the Ohio Society of Health System Pharmacists (OSHP) and the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) residency showcases each fall to meet with interested candidates and answer questions.

The application deadline is January 2.

- Candidates should submit the following using PhORCAS:
 1. Letter of intent (include current practice interests, why you are interested in pursuing a residency, and examples of what you hope to accomplish)
 2. Curriculum vitae
 3. Academic transcripts
 4. Three letters of recommendation (completed using the PhORCAS standardized reference form)
- Candidates must be eligible for Ohio licensure. Please note: We are not able to sponsor visas for pharmacy residents.
- After receiving and reviewing all application materials, individual candidates will be selected for onsite interviews at St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital in January and February.
- The Resident Matching Program Code Number is 186113.

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