

**Post Graduate Year 1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Program  
Frequently Asked Questions - For 2026 Showcases**

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

Four pharmacy PGY-1 resident positions are available for 2027-2028.

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

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

**3. How many PGY-1 residents have completed the program?**

Since the program's inception, 79 residents have completed the program, and 56 have been hired by Valley Children's following residency training.

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

Required rotations are generally 6 weeks in length unless otherwise specified. These rotations include:

- a) Pharmacy Orientation (1-2 weeks)
- b) Pharmacy Hospital Operations
- c) Research Intensive (1 week)
- d) Pharmacy Administration
- e) General Medicine Team A/B
- f) Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)
- g) Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
- h) Hematology/Oncology Clinic and Inpatient Service
- i) Emergency Medicine
- j) Antimicrobial Stewardship/Infectious Diseases
- k) MU/PTU – Medication Utilization/Pharmacy, Therapeutics & Utilization Committee (12 weeks)

Longitudinal learning experiences include **Pharmacy Operations and Dispensing, Anticoagulation Clinic, Research, and Teaching and Education**. These experiences are integrated throughout the residency year and run concurrently with the resident's assigned clinical rotations, providing ongoing development across multiple areas of practice.

**5. What about electives?**

Residents complete one elective rotation during the residency year and may choose from the following options:

- a. Neurology Clinic
- b. Primary and Complex Chronic Care Clinic
- c. Medication Safety and Compliance
- d. Cystic Fibrosis – Once Weekly Service
- e. Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit
- f. General Medicine II

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! Valley Children's partners with 14 pharmacy schools across California and other states, with the largest number of students coming from the University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy and the University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy. Residents play an active role in pharmacy education by facilitating discussions on pediatric disease states and mentoring Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) students in the development of journal clubs and patient case presentations.

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

Residents have the opportunity to earn a Teaching Certificate through the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and the University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy. The program is currently offered and is expected to continue in future residency years.

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

The residency year typically begins in late June and includes a one-week overlap between incoming and graduating residents to facilitate orientation and transition activities. The official start date is updated annually on our website. For the 2027 residency year, the program is scheduled to begin on **June 21, 2027**.

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

Yes. Candidates selected for an interview will be required to deliver a presentation on a pediatric pharmacy topic. Presentation requirements and topic options will be posted on our website in November.

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

Yes! A one-year ASHP accredited (Candidate) PGY-2 in pediatrics is available. If interested, email us at [pharmacy@valleychildrens.org](mailto:pharmacy@valleychildrens.org) or visit our 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](mailto:pharmacy@valleychildrens.org).**