ST. JOSEPH’S HEALTH
PGY-1 PHARMACY RESIDENCY PROGRAM
When I was considering a residency program, I knew my goals were to improve my ability to make clinical interventions, become an engaging patient counselor, and develop the skills to create a successful research project. The residency program at St. Joseph’s Health provided many opportunities to collaborate with health care professionals and patients to optimize outcomes and provide more holistic care. Through working alongside the pharmacists at St. Joseph’s Health, I was able to expand my clinical skills and become a better pharmacist.

Kelsey Hennig, BCPS, PGY-1 Class of 2019
Associate Professor at University of Binghamton School of Pharmacy
Practice Site: St. Joseph’s Health

Completing my PGY1 Residency at St. Joseph’s Health provided me with well-rounded knowledge and experience in providing inpatient and ambulatory pharmaceutical care. The program was flexible in allowing me to explore my interests, and ultimately guided me to complete a PGY2 residency. Now in my current role as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, I utilize my knowledge and experience from PGY1 each and every day. I am thankful for the opportunities and mentors I gained while at St. Joseph’s!

Jenna McGreevy, PharmD, BCPS, CDCES
Glens Falls VA CBOC Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

The PGY1 pharmacy residency at St. Joseph’s Health is an excellent opportunity for learning and growth. It offers a wide variety of mandatory core rotations with options to tailor the elective rotations to the resident’s interests. The program’s dedicated preceptors make for an exciting and welcoming learning environment. Our pharmacy program boasts advancement of pharmacy practice through programs stemmed from resident projects and interests such as our transition of care and ambulatory care services. I greatly enjoyed my time here as a resident and would highly recommend the program!

Ashleigh Dennis, BCPS, PGY-1 Class of 2013
Clinical Pharmacist and Preceptor at St. Joseph’s Health

“I believe that a residency at St. Joseph’s Health prepared me for my role today as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist. The ability to be involved in a broad array of rotations prepared me for the ever-evolving world of pharmacy. I believe a great clinical pharmacist has to have a working knowledge of many topics to be successful and a true asset. The size of the residency program allowed for a more individualized approach and was something that I believe added to the experience. I think St. Joseph’s is an excellent starting point for anyone looking to build a foundation of knowledge to continue to grow from.”

Gabe Sasso, PGY-1 Class of 2016
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, St. Mary’s Healthcare

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Who we are: St. Joseph’s Health

- 451 bed community teaching hospital that has been serving our community for 150 years
- Magnet certified hospital placing us in the top 8% of hospitals in the US
- In 2019, we opened the A. John Merola Cardiovascular Center of Excellence
- America’s 50 Best Hospital's for Cardiac Surgery and Top 6 in the Nation from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons
- Leapfrog Safety Grade A
- Largest family medicine residency program in the Northeast

We, St. Joseph’s Health and Trinity Health, serve together in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities
Our Pharmacy: Providing safe & effective pharmaceutical care to all patients

Inpatient pharmacy services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

- **Integrated practice model**
  - Daily decentralized services
  - 24/7 main pharmacy operations

- We staff pharmacists full time in our Cardiovascular and Medical Intensive Care Units, support our medical residency program teaching teams, have a strong transitions of care practice focused on reducing readmissions through detailed discharge counseling, staff full time in the Operating Room and have robust antimicrobial stewardship and diabetic stewardship teams

- Our Emergency Department and intensive care units are staffed 7 days a week

- We are lucky to have Dr. Lisa Avery, professor at St. John Fisher, Wegmans School of Pharmacy and Director of our PGY-2 infectious diseases residency program working with us

- The pillars of our clinical practice are: Antimicrobial Stewardship, Transitions of Care, Diabetic Stewardship and Pain Management
PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program:

- Number of Positions: 2
- Strong clinical focus with the flexibility to customize scheduling and rotation choices to the career goals of our residents
- Completion of the Teaching Certificate Program at St. John Fisher, Wegmans School of Pharmacy
- Our residents' staff every 3rd weekend on our clinical consult service and work one 4-8pm shift a week in the main pharmacy
- We offer ~12 weeks of elective rotation experience
- Immediate integration into our family medicine medical residency program
- 20 paid days off, subsidized medical/dental/vision/life insurance
- Paid travel to both ASHP Midyear and the New York State Council of Health Systems Pharmacists Annual Assembly
# PGY1 Pharmacy Residency

## Required Learning Experiences:

*all required learning experiences are 4 weeks, unless specified otherwise*

- Internal Medicine 1 and 2
- Transitions of Care
- Emergency Medicine
- Medical Intensive Care Unit
- Cardiology
- Antibiotic Stewardship

## Longitudinal Learning Experiences:

*all longitudinal experiences are 52 weeks in duration*

- Academic Teaching
- Drug Information
- Research
- Leadership
- Main Pharmacy Operations*
- Clinical Consult Services (every 3rd weekend)

## Elective Learning Experiences:

*All elective learning experiences range from 1-4 weeks, duration TBD based on residents goals*

- Ambulatory Care
- Population Health
- Pediatrics
- Diabetic Management
- Pain Consult Service
- Operating Room
- Psychiatric Services
Application Requirements:

1. Degree from an accredited school of pharmacy
2. Official College Transcript
3. Letter of Intent that includes:
   1. Why you think you will succeed in our residency program (ex: how our learning experiences align with your professional goals/areas of interest)
   2. Please also consider adding a short story about a time where you positively impacted the care of a patient.
4. Three letters of recommendation
5. Licensure in New York State by September 30th of residency year

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