

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency



Providence Alaska Medical Center

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Anchorage, Alaska

Program Description and Requirements



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Pharmaceutical Care Services

Providence Alaska Medical Center (PAMC) in Anchorage consists of 401 acute care beds and is part of the integrated Providence health system across seven states. The Alaska region includes Providence Kodiak, Valdez, and Seward Medical Centers; Family Medicine, General Medical and Senior Clinics; assisted living and drug abuse rehabilitation facilities and Outpatient Infusion Center. The health system supports a Family Practice Physician Residency program and provides training sites for the University of Alaska at Anchorage Nursing and UAA/Idaho State University pharmacy programs. Major service lines include Medicine/Surgery, Oncology, Emergency, Neurology, Cardiovascular, Critical Care, Behavioral Health, and the Children's Hospital. Pharmacy services are supported by an electronic medical record with provider order entry and bedside barcoding. Formulary, clinical and operational systems and services are integrated with the other Providence ministries.

PAMC Pharmaceutical Care Services Department

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Department employs over 70 FTEs of pharmacists, technicians and support personnel with 24 hour per day services including:

- Centralized unit dose distribution, order verification and IV admixture service
- Decentralized Clinical Services including an Antimicrobial Stewardship Program
- ICU Satellite pharmacy and order verification
- Emergency Department
- Outpatient IV Infusion and Cancer Therapy Center

The department is committed to providing and expanding the pharmacy's role in the delivery of quality pharmaceutical care. This includes:

Routine Focused Medication Use Review – Routine order screening and medication use trouble shooting, patient profile review, dosing and monitoring of aminoglycosides, warfarin, digoxin, anticonvulsants, pain medications, parenteral nutrition, drugs in renal impairment, and other target drugs; antibiotic use review, adverse drug reaction monitoring, therapeutic interchange program, medication reconciliation. All vancomycin dosing is done by pharmacists

Interdisciplinary Rounds – Family Medicine, Critical Care, Pediatrics, Pediatric Intensive Care, Neonatal Intensive Care, Oncology (adult and pediatric)

Patient Education – Warfarin, Chemotherapy, Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Consults

Medication Use Quality Improvement Activities – Medication Use Guidelines and Policy Development, Drug Use Evaluation and Benchmarking, Core Measure and National Patient Safety Goal Initiatives, Providence Quality Initiatives

Drug Formulary Management – Providence Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee class reviews and monograph development

Code Attendance – Cardiac, Stroke and Sepsis Alerts

Investigational Drug Service – Oncology, Infectious Disease, Cystic Fibrosis, Asthma

Staff Education – Staff Meetings, Weekly Clinical Meetings, Competency Program

Teaching – Pharmacists, Pharmacy Interns, Medical Residents, Medical Staff, Nurses, Public and Pharmacy Association Presentations

Residency Program Mission

The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program builds on the 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 post graduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency training.

Program Goals and Objectives

The Providence Alaska Medical Center Residency Goals strive to develop pharmacists that meet the following:

- Serve as an authoritative resource on the optimal use of medications used to treat a wide variety of medical conditions.
- Optimize outcomes by providing evidence-based, patient-centered medication therapy as an integral part of an interdisciplinary team.
- Demonstrate competency in medication order review and central pharmacy operations.
- Supervise and coordinate pharmacy technical staff.
- Work independently in various pharmacy service areas.
- Contribute to improvement of medication use, medication use systems and pharmacy services.
- Demonstrate excellence in the training and education of health care professionals.
- Sustain ongoing personal development of expertise and professionalism in pharmacy practice.

The resident will demonstrate competencies in four core areas:

- Patient Care
- Advancing Practice and Improving Patient Care
- Leadership and Management
- Teaching, Education and Dissemination of Knowledge

Resident Evaluation

Two-way verbal exchange regarding progress will occur regularly, at minimum weekly, during rotations. Formative evaluation will occur during experiences and summative at the end of each block learning experience or quarterly for longitudinal experiences. Residents will self-evaluate periodically throughout the residency. Residents will evaluate preceptors and learning experiences formally at the end of each learning experience.

Program Start Date and Term of Appointment

The PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency is a 52-week appointment beginning on June 29, 2026.

Compensation/Benefits

PGY1: \$72,134 per year

Benefits will begin on the first day of employment and include:

- Medical
- Dental
- Vision
- Long Term Disability
- Company-Paid Basic Life Insurance
- Supplemental Life Insurance for employee, spouse, and/or children
- Supplemental Accidental Death & dismemberment
- Dependent Life and Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance for spouse and/or children
- Healthcare Reimbursement
- Dependent Care FSA (for work-related child- or elder-care expenses)
- 403B retirement Program
- Meeting support for ASHP Midyear and North western States Residency Conference

Residents have 28 days of paid time off. Residents work 1 major holiday and 2 minor holidays with others off.

Learning Experience Descriptions

Orientation (REQUIRED)

Preceptor: Nicole Phillips, Pharm.D., BCPPS

Residents are introduced to and perform a variety of activities within the PAMC Inpatient Pharmacy and Medical Center. General orientation occurs over the first four weeks of the residency and consists of all aspects of new Pharmacist orientation. Four additional weeks are spent in the Central Pharmacy and Critical Care satellite learning medication safety, order verification, medication dispensing and checking operations technology, communication systems and processes.

Internal Medicine (REQUIRED)

Preceptors: Mariah Cadavos, Pharm.D., BCPS; Caleb Woolsey, Pharm.D., BCPS

An experience on the Medical Oncology Unit where the resident works with hospitalists and providers pharmaceutical care to these patients. The rotation also has exposure to neurology and palliative care.

Family Medicine (REQUIRED)

Preceptor: Ballard Saul, Pharm.D., BCPS

The resident rounds with the Family Practice Medical Resident Team and provides pharmaceutical care to these patients.

Progressive Care Unit (REQUIRED)

Preceptors: Leah Twohy, Pharm.D.; Ashley McPhee, Pharm.D.

An experience on the Progressive Care Unit where the resident works with hospitalists, cardiologists and cardiothoracic surgery to provide pharmaceutical care to these patients.

Surgery (ELECTIVE)

Preceptor: Ashley Zimin, Pharm.D.

An experience on the Surgery Unit where the resident works with hospitalists and surgeons to provide pharmaceutical care.

Critical Care (REQUIRED and ELECTIVE)

Preceptors: Corrie Black, Pharm.D., M.S., BCCCP; Stuart Burke, Pharm.D., BCCCP

An experience on the mixed Adult Critical Care Unit that includes management of clinical services, daily rounding with the multi-disciplinary team, and response to emergent bedside situations. Completion of ACLS is a prerequisite.

Pediatrics (REQUIRED)

Preceptor: Nicole Phillips, Pharm.D., BCPPS

Pediatrics is an experience in the General Pediatric and Pediatric Intensive Care units serving patients from newborns through adolescence. Residents round with the Intensivist and Pediatric Practice Teams.

Antimicrobial Stewardship (REQUIRED)

Preceptor: Shawna King, Pharm.D., BCPS

The resident supports antimicrobial stewardship endeavors of the hospital through dedicated learning, discussions with the AMS pharmacist, and providing patient care on other learning experiences.

Infectious Disease (ELECTIVE)

Preceptor: Shawna King, Pharm.D., BCPS, Ben Westley, M.D.

The resident rounds with the antimicrobial stewardship pharmacist and an infectious disease physician. Review of drug therapy, recommendations to physicians, and pharmacokinetic and drug information consultations are components.

Emergency Department (REQUIRED and ELECTIVE)

Preceptor: Carlo Balmes, Pharm.D., BCPS

The resident provides pharmaceutical care to selected patients admitted to the Emergency Department and those awaiting hospital admission. The resident also works with medication history technicians in transition of care activities and attends codes and traumas in the emergency room.

Ambulatory Care (REQUIRED and ELECTIVE)

Preceptor: Emily Thomas, Pharm.D., BCPS

During this rotation, the resident works closely with pharmacists, who are licensed providers, at Providence Primary Care. Following a robust collaborative practice agreement, they will manage a variety of chronic disease states using shared decision making in the ambulatory care setting. They will work within the primary care team which includes providers, RNs, pharmacy technicians, MAs, care coordinators and clinic staff.

Operational and Clinical Staffing (REQUIRED, Longitudinal)

Central Pharmacy Preceptors: Brian Haviland, Pharm.D.; Skyler Hunter, Pharm.D.

The longitudinal learning experience encompasses Central and Decentralized Clinical Pharmacy services. The resident is scheduled in the Central Pharmacy for four weeks of training at the beginning of the residency year.

Approximately every other weekend the resident provides services independently rotating in the following areas: Central Pharmacy, Medicine/Surgery or Progressive Care Unit.

Teaching Certificate (REQUIRED, Longitudinal)

Along with residents from other Providence facilities, residents will complete a year-long teaching certificate program focusing on experiential education. This experience is a combination of virtual, live sessions with hands on activities and experiences required at your practice site. These activities include precepting APPE students, delivering a lecture to pharmacy students at ISU/UAA, and completion of an ACPE accredited CE presentation.

Pharmacy Practice Management, Teaching, and Leadership (REQUIRED, Longitudinal)

Preceptors: Karen Thompson, BS Pharm, Pharm.D., BCSCP

During this longitudinal experience objectives will be completed through weekly staff and clinical meetings, assignment of resident projects, participation in interdisciplinary activities, P&T committee meetings, group discussions and teaching activities including didactic lectures and precepting.

Residency Project (REQUIRED, Longitudinal)

The residents work with a preceptor to identify a project, develop and submit a protocol to the IRB, collect and analyze data, develop and present a poster, develop and present a platform presentation, and draft a manuscript.

Informatics and Technology (ELECTIVE)

An elective rotation with an informatics pharmacist working on projects related to the electronic medical record and technology implementation and optimization.

Oncology (ELECTIVE)

Preceptors: Kaite Kammers, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCOP, Tarah Hibbs, Pharm.D., BCOP

A four-week elective rotation with the oncology pharmacy team based out of the Cancer Center. As Alaska's primary oncology referral center, residents are exposed to a wide spectrum of tumor types and complex cases. Residents will work alongside inpatient and outpatient interdisciplinary teams in both adult and pediatric cancer care. The rotation offers hands-on involvement with investigational agents, patient/family education, and integration of new treatments into clinical practice.

Neonatology (ELECTIVE)

Preceptor: Carrie Stanfield, Pharm.D., BCPPS

Neonatology is an elective in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Interdisciplinary rounds are attended daily. Pharmacists manage neonatal abstinence syndrome and antibiotic therapy among the pharmaceutical care services provided.

Pharmacy Operational and Clinical Management (ELECTIVE)

Preceptors: James Fisher, Pharm.D.

A four-week elective experience working with the clinical manager and/or the operations Manager and the Medication Safety Officer/IV Additive Service Supervisor participating in clinical or operational management activities.

Staffing Responsibilities

After the orientation period, residents are required to staff a minimum of 350 hours within the residency year. This equates to approximately every other weekend in addition to three holidays, one of which must include one major holiday (Christmas, Thanksgiving or New Years).

FAQS

What is special about your program?

Providence Alaska Medical Center (PAMC) is the largest (401 beds), most advanced medical facility in the state serving patients statewide. The facility has Level II Trauma and Primary Stroke Center Certifications, Commission on Cancer accredited and Children's Oncology Group affiliated cancer center, and the only dedicated Children's Hospital and Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Alaska. These result in a diverse patient population and an opportunity to help provide care to patients presenting with a wide array of medical conditions, including cardiac surgery.

PAMC is a not-for-profit community hospital supporting a Family Practice Medical Residency program. As a PGY1 pharmacy resident, you will round with the inpatient medical resident team, making medication recommendations and adjusting therapy.

Attending physicians and residents look forward to the time of year the pharmacy residents rotate with them. You also round with an interdisciplinary team on medicine, pediatrics, infectious disease, adult critical care, coronary care and in NICU, if it is chosen as an elective. PAMC also supports the University of Alaska/Idaho State University (UAA/ISU) School of Pharmacy by offering student rotations. Our electronic medical record and physician order entry make our clinical work very efficient. We have all patient information at our fingertips whether in patient care areas or in the central pharmacy.

What are the strengths of your program?

Our biggest strength is the people we work with. The pharmacy department is highly respected and appreciated by other disciplines, including nurses and physicians. Clinical pharmacists have dedicated time and workspace on inpatient units and are integrated in patient care activities. Preceptors are excellent clinicians and have a passion for teaching.

The residency director and preceptors have a high level of commitment to the residents. Pharmacy residents spend most of their rotations with well-established clinical pharmacists who have close working relationships with the medical staff and a wealth of experience to share. Residents leave the program with the skills to become excellent practitioners. We have traditionally hired many of

our residents after completion of the program.

What are the licensure requirements?

An Alaska intern license is required by the first day of orientation. The resident must become licensed as a pharmacist in the state of Alaska within 90 days of their start date.

How customizable is your program?

Each resident must complete orientation and the following required 4-week learning experiences:

Pediatrics, Medicine/Surgery, Family Practice, Adult Critical Care, Ambulatory Care, Progressive Care, Infectious Disease, Emergency Department, and Clinical Staff Training. Residents also have longitudinal experiences including Pharmacy Practice Management, Teaching, and Leadership and Residency Project.

Two elective rotations are chosen by the resident from the following: Neonatal Intensive Care, Oncology, Clinical or Operational Management, Critical Care, Ambulatory Care, Infectious Diseases, Emergency Department, and Pharmacy Informatics and Technology.

The resident has some flexibility as to when a final decision is made on their electives. We know that as you experience the different areas of clinical pharmacy, your interests may change along the way. Our program is designed to give you a good foundation in major areas of clinical pharmacy and the resources for you to explore your interests.

If you are interested in doing a PGY2 specialty residency, we attempt to schedule a related rotation prior to the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, if possible. The annual resident project may be done in that area of interest if there is an organizational need.

What is a typical day like during your residency?

Residents act as decentralized clinical pharmacists on most days. They are responsible for complete patient profile reviews, managing consults, transition of care services and clinical issues that arise. Most rotations also have interdisciplinary rounds attended by pharmacy. Residents meet with their preceptor daily to discuss patients and pertinent drug or disease state topics. Time during the week is also spent educating patients and students, attending departmental and interdisciplinary meetings, completing journal clubs, case presentations, departmental projects and a residency project.

Are there opportunities to teach and precept students?

Our department hosts many pharmacy students on learning experiences and high school students interested in the profession. Residents are expected to assist with precepting students while on rotation together.

There are also opportunities throughout the year to provide education to pharmacy, nursing, medical and other hospital staff. The University of Alaska Anchorage campus located adjacent to the hospital has a large nursing program, and a Pharmacy School jointly with Idaho State University, offering the potential for teaching. There are opportunities to give didactic lectures to larger audiences in addition to educating small groups. An ACPE-accredited presentation is required and often done in conjunction with the Alaska Pharmacy Association. Residents also teach pharmacist staff through case presentations and journal clubs and teach patients in the outpatient Pulmonary and Cardiac Rehab classes.

What are you looking for in a resident?

The resident should expect a very demanding program with multiple simultaneous responsibilities. We seek candidates with a burning desire for learning, a willingness to put in many hours outside a normal work week and good stress/time management skills. An ability to communicate openly with maturity and emotional intelligence is very important.

We seek candidates who demonstrate an interest in improving the plight of the patient by promoting the profession, the role of pharmacy, and effectiveness of our services to that end. Previous involvement in clinical projects and extracurricular activities demonstrate that desire.

Our residents are expected to become competent in the central pharmacy and clinical areas quickly, so an excellent clinical foundation (some acute care rotations completed) and previous work in a hospital pharmacy are advantageous. A Pharmacy School GPA cut-off of 3.0 is used in our initial screening of applicants.

And finally, we are looking for residents who will work in partnership with our staff, find humor in their day and love what they are doing.

About Alaska

The scenic beauty of Alaska is second to none. Incredible mountain views and frequent wildlife sightings are just a few of the perks of living in Anchorage.

There are numerous opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts in or within a short drive of the nation's northernmost major city.

The most popular activities include hiking, fishing, camping, skiing and biking. There are over two hundred miles of trails in the City of Anchorage to bike or ski.

Anchorage has ample cultural events, a symphony, theater productions, multiple museums and art galleries.

There are a wide variety of excellent locally owned restaurants and farmers' markets during summer months. Many of our staff members are good friends and spend time together outside of work. Activities often include hiking, skiing, pub trivia, going to the movies, having dinner, brewing beer, fishing and hunting, walking pets, going to the theater or symphony, working out and traveling together.

Many of the staff members are not originally from Alaska, so they often spend holiday celebrations together too.

Application Requirements

To be eligible for a Providence Alaska Medical Center Pharmacy Residency, applicants must submit the following via PhORCAS:

- A letter stating why you are interested in doing a residency at Providence Alaska Medical Center
- Curriculum Vitae
- Current Photo (Headshot)
- Transcript (pharmacy)
- Three references via the Standardized Reference Form Available in PhORCAS.

Application deadline: January 2, 2026

We participate in the **ASHP matching program**. The ASHP website has information regarding the process (www.ashp.com). Our Residency Matching Program Code number is: **135413**

Contact Information

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about our program. Thank you for your interest and we look forward to hearing from you.

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