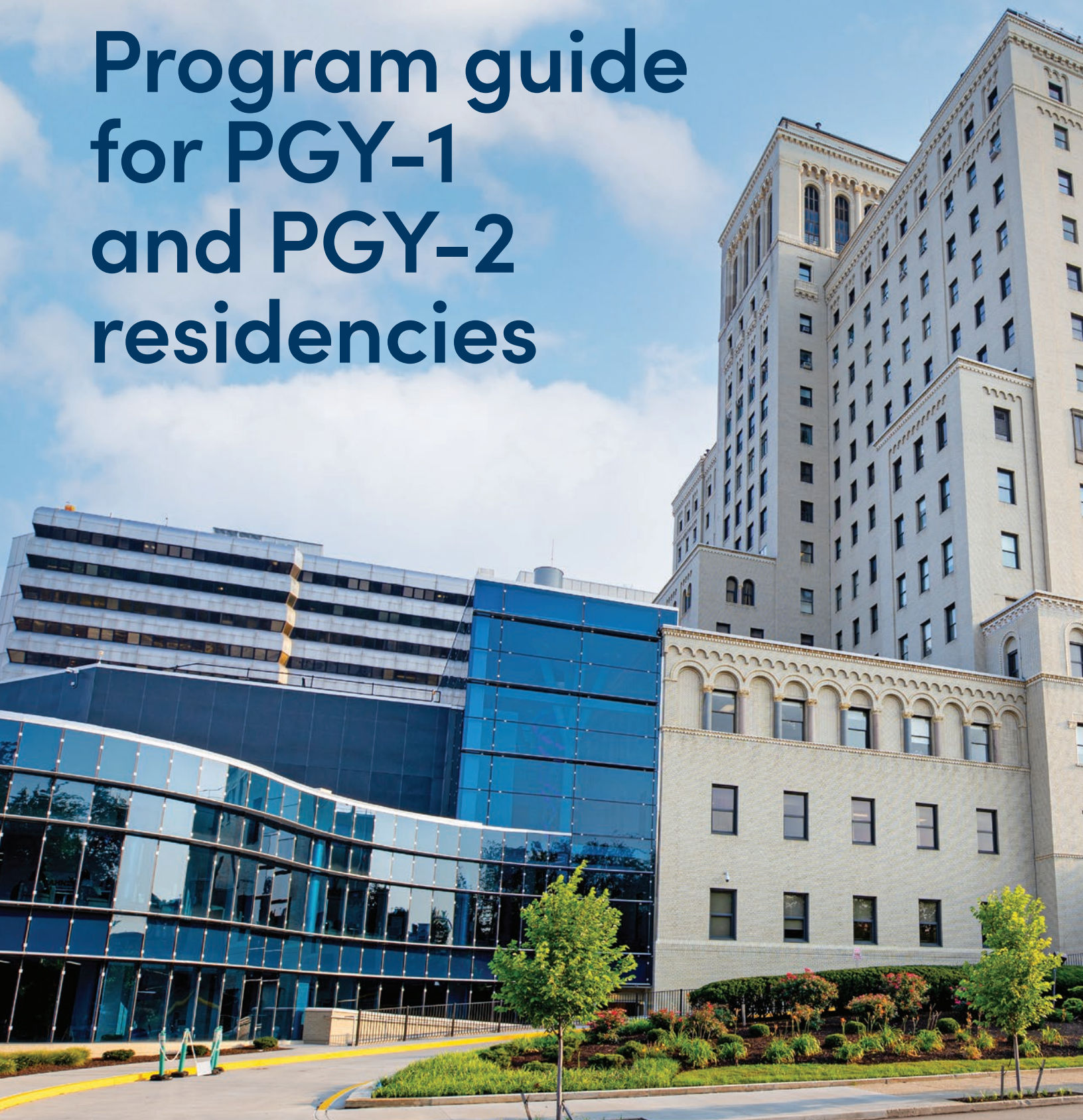


AGH Pharmacy Residency Programs

Program guide for PGY-1 and PGY-2 residencies



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Allegheny General Hospital (AGH) is the flagship tertiary-care academic medical center of the 10-hospital Allegheny Health Network, located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. As a physician-led organization within Highmark Health, AGH is a national leader in cardiovascular, cancer, neuroscience, orthopaedic, and rehabilitation care, offering a wide array of medical and surgical specialties.

AGH's Department of Pharmacy provides 24-hour comprehensive pharmacy services, utilizing a decentralized, computerized unit-dose drug distribution system and intravenous admixture programs.

Technologic processes include robotic sterile compounding, bar-code medication administration (BCMA), radio-frequency pharmaceutical identification (RFID), IV workflow technology, and computerized inventory control. On-site retail pharmacy services including bedside discharge medication delivery (Meds-to-Beds) are also provided.

Pharmacists have direct patient-care responsibilities to ensure the safe and effective use of medications, in addition to supervising supportive pharmacy personnel. Pharmacists with specialized training provide expertise in pharmacokinetics and antimicrobial stewardship, critical care, infectious diseases, cardiology, internal medicine, hematology/oncology, ambulatory care, drug information, transplantation, emergency medicine, and addiction medicine.

Common residency experiences

The following aspects are shared across multiple programs:

Experiences

- Orientation
- Staffing
- Clinical or administrative on-call
- PGY-1 core curriculum
- Clinical precepting
- Pharmacy management and leadership series
- Professional development series

Presentations

- PGY-2 clinical resident forums
- PGY-2 pharmacy grand rounds
- PGY-1 pharmacist CE program
- Resident-student teaching conference (PGY-1s)
- Resident-resident teaching conference (Clinical PGY-2s)
- Journal clubs

Projects

- Formulary review or policy/guideline update
- Medication-use evaluation
- Research project

Research series

- Project development sessions
- Project proposal presentation
- Research day presentation
- Manuscript development

Teaching Certificate Program

Through a partnership with an affiliated University's School of Pharmacy, residents may elect to complete the requirements of a teaching and learning certificate program. Aspects of this include:

- On-demand recorded lectures
- Large-group teaching
- Small-group teaching
- Clinical precepting
- Teaching philosophy statement (elective course)
- Teaching portfolio (elective course)

Staffing obligations

- 24-hours every three-week period

Residency benefits

- Competitive salary
- Insurance benefits (health/life)
- 13 paid days off (PTO)
- Free parking (on-site for PGY-2s)
- Free on-site gym membership
- Cafeteria meal vouchers
- Conference travel stipend
- Lab coat and scrub set stipend
- BLS/ACLS training

Application information

PhORCAS applications are accepted through January 2.

Application materials should include:

- A letter of interest.
- A curriculum vitae (CV).
- Academic transcripts.
- Three professional letters of recommendation (PhORCAS Form) with detailed comments in sections:
 - Organize and manage time
 - Dependability
 - Independence and resourcefulness

Applicants must have graduated from an ACPE-accredited school of pharmacy, have a PharmD or equivalent experience, and be eligible for licensure in the state of Pennsylvania.

Additional information

- PGY-1 programs begin before the end of June.
- PGY-2 program start date is variable on or around July 1.
- Programs conclude on or around June 30.
- Because of timelines and competition within the applicant pool, we do not sponsor visas.



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PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program 23550

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Program coordinator:

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Positions per year: Six

Program duration: At least 52 weeks

This program occurs in the ACUTE CARE setting, while providing opportunities to explore other areas of health-system pharmacy practice.

Required rotation experiences

(One month in duration, unless otherwise indicated)

- Orientation (six weeks)
- Cardiac service line: Cardiac Care Unit (CCU) or Heart failure TOC
- Surgical service line: Trauma ICU (TICU), Neuro-ICU (NICU), or Cardiothoracic ICU (CTICU)
- Intensive care service line: Medical ICU (MICU), CTICU, or TICU
- Transition of care (TOC) service line: Internal medicine TOC, Heart failure TOC, Abdominal transplant TOC
- Infectious disease
- Internal medicine
- Administration – clinical or practice management
- Clinical precepting (concentrated)
- Pharmacokinetics and on-call (longitudinal)
- Inpatient pharmacy staffing (longitudinal)
- Pharmacy management
- Electives (three months)

The specific program for each resident varies based upon the resident's goals, interests, and previous experience. However, all residents are required to complete the above core rotations.

These rotations can be repeated and tailored to resident interests as an elective, or the resident may select from:

- Anticoagulation clinic
- Emergency medicine
- Heart failure inpatient
- Heart failure clinic
- Internal medicine clinic
- Oncology inpatient
- Oncology clinic
- Transplant inpatient
- Transplant clinic

PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program 23064

Program director:

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Positions per year: Two

Program duration: At least 52 weeks

This program occurs in the AMBULATORY setting, while providing opportunities to explore other areas of health-system pharmacy practice.

Required rotation experiences

(One month in duration, unless otherwise indicated)

- Orientation (six weeks)
- Clinical skills and drug information – anticoagulation orientation
- Heart failure transitions of care
- Ambulatory oncology clinic
- Emergency medicine-urgent care
- Internal medicine clinic (private practice)
- Internal medicine clinic (academic)
- Pharmaceutical care services and administration
- Clinical precepting (concentrated)
- Anticoagulation clinic and on-call (longitudinal)
- Outpatient pharmacy staffing (longitudinal)
- Pharmacy management/leadership and professional development (longitudinal)
- Electives (three months)

The specific program for each resident varies based upon the resident's goals, interests, and previous experience. However, all residents are required to complete the above core rotations.

These rotations can be repeated and tailored to resident interests as an elective, or the resident may select from:

- Advanced heart failure clinic
- Chronic care specialty team (CCST)
- HIV clinic
- MTM/340B care partner clinic
- Pain management/addiction medicine service
- Solid organ transplant clinic (heart or abdominal)
- Specialty pharmacy ambulatory care service

PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Program 23039

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Positions per year: Two

Program duration: At least 52 weeks

The PGY-2 pharmacy residency program builds upon PGY-1 pharmacy residency training to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in ambulatory care pharmacy areas of specialized practice.

Required rotation experiences

(One month in duration, unless otherwise indicated)

- Orientation (five weeks)
- Internal medicine/family medicine (three months)
- Heart failure transitions of care
- Advanced cardiology clinic
- General cardiology clinic
- Ambulatory clinical pharmacy practice management
- Clinical precepting (concentrated)
- Anticoagulation clinic and on-call (longitudinal)
- Internal medicine/family medicine (longitudinal)
- Outpatient pharmacy staffing (longitudinal)
- Pharmacy management/leadership and professional development (longitudinal)
- Public health (longitudinal)
- Electives (three to four months)

The specific program for each resident varies based upon the resident's goals, interests, and previous experience. However, all residents are required to complete the above core rotations.

These rotations can be repeated and tailored to resident interests as an elective, or they may select from:

- Addiction medicine
- Ambulatory oncology
- Anticoagulation clinic
- Autoimmunity institute
- Chronic condition specialty center
- Emergency medicine – urgent care
- HIV clinic
- Internal medicine/private practice
- Population health
- Transplant clinic

PGY-2 Cardiology Pharmacy Residency Program 23112

Program director:

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Positions per year: One

Program duration: At least 52 weeks

The PGY-2 pharmacy residency program builds upon PGY-1 pharmacy residency training to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in cardiology pharmacy areas of specialized practice.

Required rotation experiences

(One month in duration, unless otherwise indicated)

- Orientation (five weeks)
- Cardiac ICU (two months)
- Cardiothoracic surgical ICU
- Cardiology transitions of care
- Emergency medicine
- Inpatient general cardiology consults
- Inpatient advanced heart failure
- Heart transplantation
- Advanced heart failure clinic
- Advanced heart failure clinic (longitudinal)
- General cardiology clinic (longitudinal)
- Clinical precepting (concentrated)
- Pharmacokinetics/on-call (longitudinal)
- Code response (longitudinal)
- Inpatient pharmacy/emergency department staffing (longitudinal)
- Practice management and practice leadership (longitudinal)
- Electives (2–3 months)

The specific program for each resident varies based upon the resident's goals, interests, and previous experience. However, all residents are required to complete the above core rotations.

These rotations can be repeated and tailored to resident interests as an elective, or the resident may select from:

- Anticoagulation clinic
- Cardiac ICU
- Cardiothoracic surgical ICU
- Electrophysiology
- Inpatient advanced heart failure
- Inpatient general cardiology consults
- Medical ICU
- Stroke neurology
- Inpatient general cardiology (primary service)
- Clinical services administration

PGY-2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency Program 23706

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Positions per year: One

Program duration: At least 52 weeks

The PGY-2 pharmacy residency program builds upon PGY-1 pharmacy residency training to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in critical care pharmacy areas of specialized practice.

Required rotation experiences

(One month in duration, unless otherwise indicated)

- Orientation (five weeks)
- Medical ICU (two months)
- Trauma ICU
- Cardiac ICU
- Cardiothoracic surgical ICU
- Neurosurgery/neurology ICU
- Emergency medicine
- Evening critical care
- Clinical precepting (concentrated)
- Pharmacokinetics and on-call (longitudinal)
- Code response (longitudinal)
- Inpatient pharmacy/emergency department staffing (longitudinal)
- Practice management and practice leadership (longitudinal)
- Electives (2–3 months)

The specific program for each resident varies based upon the resident's goals, interests, and previous experience. However, all residents are required to complete the above core rotations. These rotations can be repeated and tailored to resident interests as an elective, or they may select from:

- Infectious disease
- Nutrition support
- Special populations
- Toxicology

PGY-2 Emergency Medicine Pharmacy Residency Program 23980

Program director:

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Positions per year: One

Program duration: At least 52 weeks

The PGY-2 pharmacy residency program builds upon PGY-1 pharmacy residency training to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in emergency medicine pharmacy areas of specialized practice.

Required rotation experiences

(One month in duration, unless otherwise indicated)

- Orientation (five weeks)
- Emergency medicine I
- Emergency medicine II
- Emergency medicine III – special populations
- Emergency medicine IV – clinical precepting
- Trauma ICU
- Medical ICU
- Toxicology (2–4 weeks)
- Research and MUE (longitudinal)
- Emergency department quality assurance (2 weeks)
- On-call/pharmacy to dose/staffing/code response (longitudinal)
- Practice management/leadership and professional development (longitudinal)

The specific program for each resident varies based upon the resident's goals, interests, and previous experience. However, all residents are required to complete the above core rotations. These rotations can be repeated and tailored to resident interests as an elective, or they may select from:

- Emergency medicine
- Addiction medicine
- Pre-hospital response
- Neurosurgery/neurology ICU
- Cardiothoracic surgical ICU
- Infectious disease

PGY-2 Infectious Diseases Residency Program 23061

The PGY-2 pharmacy residency program builds upon PGY-1 pharmacy residency training to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in infectious diseases pharmacy areas of specialized practice.

Required rotation experiences

- Orientation (five weeks)
- Infectious Diseases 1, 2, and 3 (4 – 6 weeks each)
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Clinic 1 and 2 (4 – 6 weeks each)
- Antimicrobial Stewardship 1 and 2 (4 – 6 weeks each)
- Microbiology (1 – 2 weeks)
- Research and MUE (Longitudinal)
- Practice management and practice leadership (longitudinal)
- Presentations and basic teaching (longitudinal)
- The second HIV rotation can be selected as a longitudinal 4 hours per week rotation over the second half of the year.

The specific program for each resident varies based upon the resident's goals, interests, and previous experience. However, all residents are required to complete the above core rotations. These rotations can be repeated and tailored to resident interests as an elective, or they may select from:

- Any of the core required rotations (2 – 4 weeks)
- Antimicrobial stewardship – community hospital (2 – 4 weeks)
- Clinical precepting (4 weeks)
- Hematology and bone marrow transplant (2 weeks)
- Solid organ transplant (2 – 4 weeks)
- Surgical critical care (2 – 4 weeks)

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Positions per year: One

Program duration: At least 52 weeks

PGY-2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency Program 23017

The PGY-2 pharmacy residency program builds upon PGY-1 pharmacy residency training to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in oncology pharmacy areas of specialized practice.

Required rotation experiences

(One month in duration, unless otherwise indicated)

- Orientation (five weeks)
- Inpatient medical oncology
- Ambulatory medical oncology (four months)
- Inpatient malignant hematology/bone marrow transplant (BMT)
- Ambulatory malignant hematology
- Research and MUE (longitudinal)
- Oncology investigational drug services (two weeks)
- Clinical precepting (concentrated)
- Inpatient pharmacy/outpatient oncology pharmacy staffing (longitudinal)
- Oncology practice management (longitudinal)
- Electives (2–3 months)

The specific program for each resident varies based upon the resident's goals, interests, and previous experience. However, all residents are required to complete the above core rotations. These rotations can be repeated and tailored to resident interests as an elective, or they may select from:

- Ambulatory BMT clinic
- Ambulatory oncology clinics
- Infectious diseases consults
- Inpatient malignant hematology
- Inpatient medical oncology
- Palliative care/pain management (two weeks)

Program director:

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Positions per year: Two

Program duration: At least 52 weeks

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