



Spotlight Message

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Specialty

I am a pharmacy resident completing a two-year residency in Medication Systems and Operations (MSO). Once I complete my residency, I hope to find a position with direct oversight of hospital pharmacy operations.

Role

As an MSO resident, I complete multiple four week rotations in a variety of areas, including eight clinical rotations. My specialty also includes an in-depth study and analysis of specific areas of such as: sterile product operations, drug distribution, medication safety, supply chain management, pharmacy operations and technology, pharmacy administration, clinical management, compliance and quality improvement, transitional care and clinics, drug policy program, off-site pharmacy services, and pharmacy informatics. During each of these rotations, I work closely with clinical pharmacists and/or pharmacy managers to learn their role in our department and the impact their daily work has on patient care. I am also a member of three pharmacy committees: Pharmacy Operations, Inpatient Pharmacy Practice and Drug Product Selection & Supply (a sub-committee of the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee). Throughout the residency, I completed numerous projects during each rotation along with two year-long projects. I gain practice experience through staffing in the central pharmacy and inpatients units.

How They Got There

The MSO residency is the first in the country! The program at University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics (UWHC) is the first two-year program that will be seeking ASHP accreditation after my completion of the program in June 2012. During my last year of pharmacy school, I applied for PGY1 practice residencies as I wasn't sure what I wanted to do for my career, but knew that I wanted to stay in hospital pharmacy and for that I would need a residency. During my interview for the PGY1 practice residency at UWHC, the director of the department and director of the PGY1 program discussed their idea for implementing a new residency and expressed interest in having me be the first resident to go

through the program. I worked in the central pharmacy as a student technician for three years and also completed my internship in the central pharmacy. The pharmacists I worked with suggested me for this residency as I showed an interest and understanding of the central workflow during my internship. I agreed to be the first resident of the brand new program and the rest is history!

Other Professional Activities

I am a member of the ASHP Section of Pharmacy Informatics and Technology Advisory Group on Pharmacy Operations Automation. Within this group I am working on a sub-group that is preparing a white paper on IV Automation – a high level overview of what is available and tips for implementation.

Advanced Training

I am currently completing my advanced training in medication systems and operations.

Advice

You never know what opportunities will be presented to you... take each opportunity as a way to grow professionally and personally. If it wasn't for my willingness to become the first ever MSO resident, I would not have found my true passion and talent in the pharmacy world. I am committed to helping this area of hospital pharmacy grow and become known throughout the profession. I encourage anyone interested in the daily pharmacy operations, or helping to lead our pharmacy departments, to seek a residency such as the MSO program.