

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Resident Elective Rotation Program

Program Description

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), founded in 1942, is the 36,000 member national professional association that represents pharmacists who practice in hospitals, managed care organizations, long-term care facilities, home care, and other components of health systems. ASHP believes that the mission of pharmacists is to help people make the best use of medications. Assisting pharmacists in fulfilling this mission is ASHP's primary objective.

ASHP offers a resident elective rotation in national association management to residents in ASHP-accredited residency programs with an interest in association management. The program is designed to provide experience in such areas as:

- Association activities and operations
- Professional and public affairs
- Publications and drug information
- New practitioner and resident affairs
- Membership
- Marketing
- Governmental affairs
- Quality Improvement

The rotation schedule is designed to be four to six weeks in duration. Rotations are offered throughout the year. The rotation is intended to be an elective option for an ASHP-accredited residency program. Requests to participate must be coordinated through the residency program director as an affiliation agreement must be in place before a resident can be accepted into the program.

Members of ASHP staff serve as preceptors within their areas of expertise. The resident is responsible for transportation, housing, and all other expenses associated with the rotation. ASHP does not provide a stipend or salary with the rotation.

Selection of a resident for participation is based on evaluation of the application materials submitted. ASHP reserves the right to refuse, with sufficient notice, the request of any resident to participate in the rotation in the event of significant organizational scheduling conflicts which would interfere with the quality of the resident's rotation experience.

Residents interested in the ASHP Resident Elective Rotation Program should be in an ASHP-accredited residency program, in good standing, and have an active membership with ASHP. The applicant shall have demonstrated involvement in professional programs and organizational activities. The applicant must be self-motivated and have exceptional written and verbal communication skills.

Educational Objectives

Upon completing the program, the resident will:

1. Understand the mission, goals and objectives, organizational structure, operations and programs of ASHP in serving its membership;
2. Gain a broader perspective of the issues that impact and affect the mission and vision of the pharmacy profession;
3. Articulate the importance of pharmacy associations to the profession and the value of participation in local, state, and national pharmacy organizations;
4. Define the full range of association activities (e.g. publications, governmental affairs, educational services, and professional activities);
5. Enhance skills in leadership, critical analysis, public policy, verbal and written communication, networking, and information gathering, evaluation, and analysis for use in specific organizational areas.

Residency program directors who desire additional information should contact:

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