ASHP Accreditation Services Office

PGY2 Pediatric Residency Programs and Pediatric Specialty Pathways (PSP) Designation Status and Recognition Process

New Program Applications (Unaccredited)

ASHP Accreditation Services Office (ASO) will receive PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy residency program applications (precandidate and candidate). Programs in precandidate or candidate status will not receive approval to recruit for Pediatric Specialty Pathways (PSP) training at the institution until the PGY2 Pediatric residency program has been surveyed and accredited by the ASHP Commission on Credentialing (COC). Once accredited, the program may follow the next step in the process.

Accredited PGY2 Pediatric programs

ASHP Accreditation Services Office will receive PGY2 Pediatric residency program with Pediatric Specialty Pathway (PSP) designation status documentation located on the ASHP website for review and approval.

Completed documentation must be sent to asd@ashp.org by July 31st each year in advance of registration for the Match in order to receive authorization to recruit a resident in a PGY2 Pediatric program with PSP with a designated Match code. Decisions to approve the site’s designation status and allow a program to market and recruit in the Match shall be determined by a member of the ASHP ASO Office and a COC member with pediatric training or background as part of the quality assurance and review process. ASO will notify the site of the review process decision. Recognition by the COC includes the subsequent notification of the Match (for Match code) and PharmAcademic (for PSP Appendix of Learning) by ASO of this designation status to the accredited PGY2 pediatric pharmacy residency program. Graduates of accredited PGY2 Pediatric residency programs who have completed training in a specific PSP may add the following verbiage to certificates of completion:

Resident [place resident student name here] has completed all requirements of the:

a. PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Residency Program with Pediatric Critical Care Specialty Recognition
b. PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Residency Program with Pediatric Oncology Specialty Recognition

Conducted at “Name of Institution, City and State” and Date of Completion

Effective March 2023, the COC has approved the following PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy residency with Pediatric Specialty Pathways for training in the following areas in institutions conducting accredited PGY2 Pediatric training:

- Pediatric Critical Care
- Pediatric Oncology
Guidance and Parameters

1. PGY2 Pediatric pharmacy residency programs must be accredited and in good standing with ASHP Accreditation Services to apply for PSP designation status.
2. Programs in conditional accreditation status or with one-year accreditation status shall not be allowed to apply for this designation status and recognition.
3. Only programs recognized by ASHP ASO as a provider of PSP training may advertise or market this designation on their website, marketing materials, and ASHP directory (special features area).
4. Institutions with accredited PGY2 Pediatric residency programs may apply for one or more PSP designations provided they meet all criteria and have received approval by ASHP ASO.
5. Accredited PGY2 Pediatric pharmacy residency programs may flex the number of available residency positions to the specific type of PSP program it desires to recruit for in the Match (e.g., 1 position PGY2 Pediatrics PSP Critical Care and 1 position PGY2 Pediatrics PSP Oncology) each year to meet their organizational training needs. Programs may forgo a year or more without providing PSP training and may desire to put all available residency positions into the PGY2 Pediatrics program without a specialty pathway.
6. PGY2 Pediatric residency program directors (RPDs) must meet all eligibility and qualifications as outlined in the Accreditation Standard. RPDs must be BPS Board Certified in Pediatrics (BCPPS), but RPDs are not required to maintain BCOP and/or BCCCP certifications. BCOP and BCCCP cannot be considered a replacement for BCPPS certification, they are optional certifications.
7. Pharmacy preceptors should meet all eligibility and qualifications for residents in PSP specific learning experiences (i.e., critical care and oncology) and must practice in the advanced area according to the Accreditation Standard requirements.
8. A minimum of 50% of the structure of the PGY2 pediatric residency program must be developed to support recognized PSP training.
9. Residents can only be recruited into PGY2 Pediatric PSPs for which the institution is recognized for.
10. Residents may not flex into or out of a PSP at a recognized institution after the program begins or at any point during a residency year.
11. Residents must complete all required learning opportunities as outlined in the PGY2 Pediatrics Residency Program’s Competency Areas, Goals and Objectives and associated PSP Appendix of Learning.
12. Residents completing this training will only be eligible for BCPPS certification.

Application Instructions

1. Submit a completed Validation Checklist located on the ASHP website for the PGY2 Pediatric PSP type your organization requests recognition for, to: asd@ashp.org
2. All items for review must be provided on the document. You may submit other substantiating documents in support of your request within the same email if desired.
3. ASO staff and a COC member shall review the criteria and documentation and notify the site of the decision.
4. Any questions related to the criteria or review process should be directed to: asd@ashp.org