

Dear Dr. XXX and Dr. XXX (current resident),

I am excited to submit this letter of intent to support my application for a residency position at the University of Colorado and Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Residency. My strong interest in this residency is based your excellent reputation of training some of the best and most skilled minds in the pharmacy community. I also respect the diverse and comprehensive program that allows the resident to customize their training to fit their career goals. After speaking with Dr. xxx at Midyear, it only re-affirmed my interest to pursue your program.

During my training, both in pharmacy school and during my residency, I've observed the rise and implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and how it is re-shaping the landscape of modern healthcare. During my first year as a new healthcare practitioner in the pharmacy profession, it has become quite apparent that we are on the verge of a new era in healthcare, where the role of a pharmacist can potentially expand exponentially through Collaborative Drug Therapy Management (CDTM) and emerging transition of care models. The value of growing these programs, and the pivotal role the pharmacist will have in this new healthcare structure, motivates me to complete additional training, so that I can be at the forefront of this healthcare paradigm shift.

Having worked in pharmacy for over eight years, I've come to understand both the importance and role of a pharmacist in the community setting as well as within a large healthcare system. I've witnessed the transition of a patient from admission, acute care, discharge and finally a return to the community. I personally see the ambulatory setting as the pivotal point of care that can determine whether a patient has a successful reconciliation into the community, or where they can have suboptimal outcomes due to a lack of proper integration or disjointed care. Pharmacists can play a key role when patients are discharged from a hospital and back into the community to ensure medications are reconciled and thoroughly reviewed to prevent re-hospitalization. With the structure and programs offered at your ambulatory program, in particular the numerous opportunities for transitions of care at the Seniors clinic, Denver Health clinic and UCH Family Medicine center, I believe it will help me achieve my goals.

Some of my attributes as a PGY2 candidate include excellent communication skills that can be tailored to any audience, a strong work ethic, a perpetual drive to expand my own knowledge, the ability to approach a case/problem from multiple perspectives, as well as the willingness to admit I don't know everything. Although this last attribute may not seem like a strength, I feel it is vital to be able to acknowledge one's own limitations, not only to prevent from inadvertently harming a patient, but also to identify where and how I can expand my own knowledge.

To accomplish my career goals, I've realized that I need to further my knowledge and clinical skills in the areas of advanced pharmacotherapy and obtain a better understanding of team-based patient care. In summary, I believe your program will be a perfect launching point for my career in clinical pharmacy. I extend my thanks to you and the search committee for consideration of my application.

Sincerely,

Candidate F