

University of California, Davis Medical Center

The University of California, Davis Medical Center (UCDMC) PGY2 ambulatory care pharmacy residency program is committed to providing residents the opportunity to accelerate their individual growth beyond entry-level professional competence in order to become practice leaders who will advance pharmacy ambulatory care services. The PGY2 ambulatory care pharmacy residency program currently has two residents who train in conjunction with four PGY1 pharmacy practice residents with an emphasis in ambulatory care and one PGY1 pharmacy practice resident with an emphasis in ambulatory care HIV.

A unique aspect of the UCDMC PGY2 ambulatory care program is the flexibility it affords residents to focus their training in various tracks according to their interests. Currently, the tracks offered include (1) transitions of care, (2) hepatology and infectious diseases, (3) specialty pharmacy, (4) ambulatory care management, and (5) academia and research. Once a track has been selected, the resident is scheduled for a minimum of 12 weeks of learning experiences, a longitudinal assignment, and personalized mentoring in the track of choice. Throughout the year, residents are also provided with many learning rotations to gain a broad range of the experiences necessary to be successful in any practice setting. Recently, UCDMC has undergone rapid expansion of pharmacy ambulatory care services and clinics in primary care, anticoagulation, hepatitis C, HIV/infectious diseases, gastroenterology, rheumatology, neurology, dermatology, transplantation, pain management, global health, and oncology. Residents have an opportunity to rotate through any of these clinics according to interests and prior experience.

Mentorship is a vital component of the UCDMC pharmacy residency programs. In addition to the mentorship provided by directors and preceptors, residents are strategically matched with a personal mentor intended to support, guide, and challenge them to reach their highest potential in both personal and professional development. Residents meet with their mentors at least once quarterly to discuss their progress. Constructive feedback is provided to the resident in order to identify areas of strength and areas needing improvement. Residents are also encouraged to seek out other mentorship throughout the UCDMC and greater Sacramento community through involvement with professional organizations and student-run free clinics.

UCDMC is a large academic institution that offers residents many opportunities for both clinical and didactic teaching. Residents are responsible for assisting preceptors with clerkship teaching for University of California, San Francisco and University of the Pacific pharmacy students. Residents also participate in staff development/education (nursing, pharmacy, medical students, and medical residents) and provide routine patient education. In addition, UCDMC offers the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Program for residents who did not obtain a teaching certificate during their PGY1 residency, where residents learn about different aspects of teaching and are provided with additional opportunities to gain teaching experience (i.e., small-group learning, interprofessional education, didactic lecturing at UC Davis medical school and nursing school, public outreach).

More information about the residency can be found at www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/pharmacy/Residency/index.html.