

Dear Dr. XXX,

As I begin my professional career as the fifth-generation pharmacist in my family, I reflect on the past and realize how much the profession has changed over time. Pharmacy has evolved into a dynamic field with an increasing focus on clinical application and an expanded scope of practice for pharmacists. The University of Colorado Hospital PGY1 residency program would allow me the opportunity to develop my clinical skills and would serve as the first step toward making my own impact on the continually evolving profession.

My passion for pharmacy comes from a strong belief that I live to serve others. Due to this belief, I desire to practice in a setting that allows for direct patient care. My career goal is to complete a PGY1 in pharmacy practice followed by a PGY2 in ambulatory care, and then to transition into a clinical pharmacist role with ample opportunity for patient interaction. After gaining experience, I would like to integrate academia into my career in order to assist in curriculum development and student mentoring. Through my role on the XXX National Education Standing Committee for the past two years, I have developed educational programming topics and delivered professional development presentations. As XXX Chapter President, I provided guidance to students and inspired others to pursue leadership roles. I find both patient interaction and student development highly rewarding and desire a career that is a fusion of both of my passions.

Your residency program at the University of Colorado Hospital exceeds all of my expectations for a PGY1 program. The strong clinical program that you have in ambulatory care and cardiology are very impressive. I enjoyed meeting Dr. xxx and Dr. XXX at the residency showcase, both of whom spoke highly about your program. Their advocacy of the collegial team-based approach at the XXX Medical Center, and incorporation of clinical pharmacy into patient care is very impressive. This is the type of culture that I hope to train in throughout my PGY1 year. Moreover, I find your program progressive and innovative with several unique electives (e.g., spinal cord injury, HIV clinic), and an academia component that features preempting pharmacy students. I am also very encouraged that attaining a teaching certificate, and teaching classroom lectures are a strong component of your program.

The University of Colorado Hospital PGY1 residency is the ideal site for me to continue to strengthen my clinical skills, build upon my leadership abilities, and contribute to the profession. I appreciate your consideration of my application.

Sincerely,

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