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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program at Huntington Hospital. Enclosed you will find an application form and information packet about our program.

You are required to provide the following:

1. A completed Huntington Hospital application for the pharmacy residency, including a brief personal statement (see instructions on application form)
2. Official transcripts from your school of pharmacy
3. A curriculum vitae
4. Three letters of recommendation (at least one from a faculty member and one from an employer)

All required material must be postmarked no later than January 8th, 2010. Personal interviews will be scheduled for the months of January and February. Selected applicants will be notified of their interview times.

Huntington Hospital's PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program is ASHP-accredited and requires the resident applicant to participate in the ASHP Resident Matching Program.

We look forward to having you apply to our program. For further questions, please feel free to call us at (626) 397-5237 or (626) 397-3043.

Sincerely,



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HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL

PGY1 PHARMACY RESIDENCY PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

Huntington Hospital in Pasadena, California has developed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program in compliance with accreditation standards set by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). In existence since 1992, the program is a one-year postgraduate residency with an emphasis in pharmaceutical care. The resident is offered the opportunity to develop and apply their didactic pharmaceutical knowledge in areas of adult and pediatric acute care, ambulatory care, and practice management.

The PGY1 pharmacy residency program is designed to give residents optimum independence in a supportive, state-of-the-art environment, allowing self-structuring for highly motivated individuals. The overall purpose of Huntington's residency program is to develop the necessary skills to become a competent pharmaceutical care practitioner in the inpatient care setting. The residency will emphasize the development of clinical, teaching, and leadership abilities.

HOSPITAL PROFILE

Huntington Hospital is a 636-bed, non-profit, community hospital dedicated to providing full service medical care to the San Gabriel Valley communities. Huntington provides a full complement of acute medical care and community services, ranging from electrophysiology and neonatology to senior care, rehabilitation, psychiatric, and emergency services.

Huntington Hospital has been providing quality care to its community for over 100 years. The hospital is home to the only trauma center in the region. The institution is an active teaching hospital with medical, surgical and pharmacy residency programs. Huntington Hospital continues to build upon the strength of its renowned programs, especially in areas of cardiovascular services, neurosciences, and cancer care.

Founded in 1892, Huntington continues to seek new areas of service and programming based upon community need, medical staff support, and the financial and physical ability to expand. The hospital is a teaching affiliate of the University of Southern California Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy and Western University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy. Huntington Hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.

The pharmacy department at Huntington Hospital offers 24-hour services. With over 30 clinical pharmacists on staff, pharmaceutical care is provided in a wide variety of areas including emergency medicine, pediatrics/neonatology, critical care, general medicine, general surgery, hematology/oncology, infectious diseases and an outpatient anticoagulation clinic.

OUTCOMES OF THE RESIDENCY

Upon completion of the residency, the resident shall be able to:

- Manage and improve the medication-use process.
- Provide evidence-based, patient-centered medication therapy management.
- Exercise leadership and practice management skills.
- Demonstrate project management skills.
- Provide medication and practice-related education/training.
- Utilize medical informatics.
- Conduct pharmacy practice research.
- Participate in the management of medical emergencies.
- Contribute to formulary decisions.

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Acute Patient Care:

The resident is required to rotate through clinical rotations in the areas of medicine, critical care, pediatrics/neonatology, and hematology/oncology. Each rotation will be six weeks in length. As a member of the medical team, the resident is expected to proficiently and competently provide pharmaceutical care as well as staff the clinical area for the last two weeks of the rotation. Additionally, the resident will have the opportunity to rotate through the emergency department on an emergency medicine rotation. The resident will utilize clinical skills to enhance patient care and improve patient outcomes. Activities include active participation in patient care, attending rounds, monitoring and regulating patient drug therapies, pharmacokinetics, and consultation in drug information. Regulation of drug therapy involves appropriate drug and dose selection and dosage adjustments based on patient specific parameters, clinical status, and response. Additional responsibilities include providing in-service lectures to the pharmacy, nursing, and medical staff; as well as precepting fourth-year pharmacy students.

Infectious Diseases:

The resident is required to rotate through a six-week rotation in infectious diseases. The resident will develop a broader understanding of the pharmacotherapy of a wide variety of infectious diseases. The resident will apply pharmacokinetic, pharmacodynamic, adverse drug reaction profile, clinical use, and relative cost information of antimicrobials to maximize treatment outcomes for patients. Activities include formulating individual monitoring plans, making recommendations regarding patient management and monitoring parameters involved with the patient's drug therapy as well as precepting fourth-year pharmacy students.

Ambulatory Care:

The resident will participate in the hospital's pharmacist-managed anticoagulation clinic for a total of three weeks. The first two weeks will include orientation and training and the last week will consist of staffing the clinic. The resident will review and update patient

profiles, adjust warfarin doses based on the pertinent lab results and co-morbid conditions, provide patient education and precept fourth-year pharmacy students.

Practice Management:

The resident will become oriented to the functions and concepts of pharmacy administration within the hospital setting. This exposure will enable the resident to make administrative judgements and assume responsibility. The resident will be intimately involved in medication error and adverse drug reaction reporting and evaluation. Additionally, the resident will develop problem-solving abilities related to operational and organizational management. Activities include attending and participating in the Pharmacy, Therapeutics, and Diet (PT & D) Committee, Medication Safety Committee, pharmacy staff meetings, management meetings, and interdepartmental committees. The resident will understand the role of the PT & D Committee in developing, implementing, and regulating drug usage policies and procedures. Topics discussed in practice management are people skills and key relationships, cost and profit analysis, budget preparation, drug distribution systems, and drug inventory control.

Pharmacy Research Project:

In addition to various short-term projects assigned throughout the year, the resident is required to undertake a year-long project under the direction and guidance of a faculty preceptor. The resident is expected to research and analyze administrative and/or clinical problems. The project will be presented as a poster at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in December and as a platform presentation at the annual Western States Conference in May. The results may also be published in pharmacy journals as well as presented at state/national pharmacy conferences.

Teaching:

The teaching affiliations with the local schools of pharmacy provide the resident an opportunity for precepting fourth-year pharmacy students on clinical rotations. Additionally, the resident will be required to provide educational in-services to the pharmacy, nursing, and medical staff. Lastly, the resident will also be required to develop and present an ACPE-accredited continuing education program to the pharmacy staff.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE

All candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. Possess a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an accredited college of pharmacy and maintain a competitive GPA.
2. Be eligible to apply for licensure to practice pharmacy in the state of California
3. Have completed a professional curriculum inclusive of significant clinical clerkship experience

GENERAL INFORMATION

Number of positions:	2
Period of appointment:	12 months from July 1 st through June 30 th
Salary:	Approximately \$41,000
Vacation:	2 weeks
Professional leave:	2 weeks to attend professional meetings (CSHP Seminar, ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, Western States Conference for Pharmacy Residents, Fellows, and Preceptors). Allowance for registration and travel to be determined.
Health Insurance:	Includes medical, dental, and vision plans; provided after 90 days of employment

CERTIFICATION UPON RESIDENCY COMPLETION

After the resident has satisfied all the requirements of the program, a Certification of Completion shall be issued. A certificate will not be offered if the resident has not completed all the requirements, such as completion of core rotations, a research project, a peer-reviewed educational event or non-licensure as a pharmacist in California. Each case will be dealt with on an individual basis and in accordance with organizational policies on leaves of absence.

STANDARDS OF BUSINESS CONDUCT

The organization will expect all employees to uphold the organization's standards and conduct all activities in a lawful and ethical manner.