

PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency – Aurora Health Care Metro, Inc.

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Previous Education: BS and PharmD at Western New England University

Residency Program: PGY1 Community-Based Residency Program

Short Bio: I am from Plainfield, Connecticut which is a small town located near the Rhode Island border. I attended Western New England University in Massachusetts for my undergraduate and graduate degrees. When looking for residency programs, I searched all over the country as I was looking for an overall new experience. I ended up learning more about the program at Midyear Clinical Meeting and decided this would be a program where I would enjoy and excel in as my interests are within the community and ambulatory care settings.

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency: For residency, I was specifically looking for a program based in an outpatient hospital pharmacy within a large health system. Additionally, I wanted a program with an ambulatory care experience as well as the ability to engage in other unique experiences such as transplant education. Lastly, I was looking for a program with supportive preceptors who would help guide me through based on my interests.

Why Aurora? Aurora is a health system that is continually innovating and striving for greatness. Aurora stood out to me as a program that would help me to further develop into the pharmacist I desire to become. The preceptors are enthusiastic to teach the residents and they continue to challenge us as we move forward.

Current rotations: Clinical Services, Immunizations, Medication Safety, Practice Management, Ambulatory Care Clinic, Anticoagulation Clinic, Staffing

Year-long project: Improving transitions of care through optimized compliance packaging services

Future: I hope to pursue a PGY2 program in ambulatory care to further specialize my training. My goal is to work in a setting where I can have exposure to an outpatient hospital pharmacy as well as an ambulatory care clinic. Managing chronic diseases is a passion of mine which I plan to pursue going forward. My specific interests include hypertension, transplant, and weight loss.

Devin Valpatic



Previous Education: PharmD, Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN

Residency Program: PGY-1 Community-Based Pharmacy Residency – Aurora Health Care Metro Inc.

Short Bio: I grew up in Portage, IN a town which is located 45 minutes outside of Chicago. During my time at Purdue as a pharmacy student, I worked as an intern at Meijer pharmacy. Through this experience I was able to build relationships with patients and help them manage their chronic diseases. My APPEs helped solidify my passion for outpatient pharmacy through working with several diverse patient populations and helping manage their complex medication regimens. I knew pursuing a community residency would help me gain the critical experience that is needed in order to pursue a career in ambulatory care.

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency: I enjoy working with patients that come from different backgrounds so having a diverse patient population was an important factor during my residency search. Another factor that heavily impacted my decision was the culture of the institution. I wanted to work with a group of individuals that worked collaboratively together and put patients at the center of what they do. Lastly, I wanted the ability to work independently as a pharmacy resident while also having strong mentors to help guide my transition from student to pharmacist.

Why Aurora? Aurora Health offers a wide variety of opportunities to grow as a pharmacist, professional, and leader. The pharmacy team here puts in a significant amount of time, effort, and commitment into their residents to make them better practitioners and lifelong learners. I knew that I would be able to achieve my personal goals working under the Aurora team.

Current rotations: Clinical Services, Immunizations, Medication Safety, Practice Management, Ambulatory Care Clinic, Hotspot Interdisciplinary Care Team, Staffing

Year-long project: Enhancing Discharge Workflow to Increase Prescription Capture

Future: Pursuing a PGY-2 in ambulatory care or a clinical pharmacist position in an ambulatory care clinic.