“We deliver Medicine of the Highest Order in a community hospital where compassion, quality and patient and family-centered care are our guiding principles. Our affiliation with a world-class medical center will allow us to provide the best of both worlds—state of the art medicine and personalized care.”

Our mission is a commitment to excellence in health care, with patients and their families at the heart of all that we do.

Highland Hospital, located in Rochester, New York, is a 261-bed teaching community hospital that is the region-leading provider for key specialties including joint replacement, bariatric surgery, women's health services and geriatric care.

Highland Hospital is an affiliate of the University of Rochester Medical Center, a large multi-center system, that offers a variety of specialties and services intertwined to serve a diverse population. This network of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, allied health professionals, and hospitals works in concert with the community to create an enhanced quality of life for patients. It is this system that provides an ideal setting for teaching the fundamentals of pharmacy practice.

The Department of Pharmacy has academic affiliations with the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Wegmans School of Pharmacy at St. John Fisher College, as well as several other institutions.

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ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

Simply put, Rochester is a delightfully small “big city,” with many of the benefits and few of the disadvantages of an urban center. It is home to over 1 million people. It is rated the “best minor league sports city” in the U.S. It is home to the historic Susan B. Anthony House, the acclaimed Garth Fagan Dance Troupe, and the infamous “Garbage Plate” at Nick Tahou’s no-frills eatery. Rochester has the world’s largest concentration of lilacs. It offers some of the most appealing and affordable housing in the country—not to mention an extensive and highly regarded parks system, and five nationally ranked high schools. It is a regular stop on the LPGA circuit, and an occasional stop for the U.S. Open, PGA Championship, and Ryder Cup. Rochester is also home to numerous festivals including an acclaimed annual International Jazz Festival. Additionally, there are many recreational activities available year-round. Local lakes, ski resorts, and state parks offer opportunities for swimming, skiing, and hiking. Rochester has many locations for fine dining and an assortment of wineries located in the nearby Finger Lakes Region.

Rochester provides a richness and diversity of life that's hard to find outside of the country's largest cities. It hosts the renowned Eastman School of Music, Rochester Institute of Technology, and the University of Rochester (of which URMC is a part) - named one of the "new Ivies" by Newsweek magazine.

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency

The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Highland Hospital is a 12-month, full-time curriculum that provides the essential elements needed to mold a well-rounded clinical pharmacist. The resident will function as a key member of the health care team and be accountable for achieving optimal drug therapy outcomes for their patients. This intensive training involves the resident participating in the following activities:

- Designing, recommending and managing drug treatment regimens for hospitalized patients in internal medicine and a variety of specialties
- Playing a key role in the continuity of care of patients through medication reconciliation and discharge counseling
- Participating in pharmacy practice management and patient safety activities to broaden the resident’s understanding of the role of pharmacy and its integration into the healthcare system
- Exploring specialty areas of patient care through various electives, including up to 8 weeks of rotations at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Pharmacists completing the residency at Highland Hospital will have gained the skills necessary to be competent and confident practitioners of pharmaceutical care for patients. These pharmacists will develop the skills necessary to become valuable providers of education on medication therapy related topics to other health care professionals and patients. The resident will demonstrate professional maturity by developing and following a personal philosophy of excellence, monitoring his or her own performance and exhibiting a commitment to the profession of pharmacy.

Rotation Schedule

Required Rotations: Orientation (8 weeks) Critical Care (6 weeks), Infectious Diseases (4 weeks), Internal Medicine (12 weeks)

Longitudinal Rotations: Management, Pharmacy Practice, Patient/Medication Safety, Research

Elective Rotations (16 weeks total, 4 weeks per rotation): Administration, Advanced Pharmacy Practice, Anticoagulation, Antimicrobial Stewardship, Ambulatory Care, Transitions of Care

- Two possible electives at the University of Rochester Medical Center: Burn/Trauma Intensive Care, Cardiology, Emergency Medicine, Hematology/Oncology, HIV Infectious Diseases, Investigational Drug Service, Medical Intensive Care, Psychiatry, Pediatrics or Solid Organ Transplant

Additional Opportunities and Research

Residents will also have opportunities to develop teaching skills by participating in a teaching certificate program as well as providing in-service presentations to pharmacy staff and students and didactic lectures to faculty, residents, and students in other health care professions.

Completion of two major projects is required, and the results are to be presented at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and the Eastern States Conference for Pharmacy Residents and Preceptors.

Benefits

Benefits include a stipend, medical, dental and life insurance, 15 vacation days, ability to contribute to tax-deferred retirement program, paid holidays, book allowance, and travel reimbursement for 2 professional meetings.

Requirements

- Pharm.D. graduates of accredited colleges of pharmacy
- Residents must be eligible for New York State licensure

Application Process

To apply for the residency, the following items must be submitted through PhORCAS:

- Letter of intent stating goals and interests
- Curriculum vitae
- Three letters of reference
- Official college transcript

Application materials must be received by January 10th to be considered for an onsite interview. A formal presentation is required during the interview.