Mission Statement

The mission of the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences’ residency program is to educate pharmacy residents in pharmacy practice, clinical precepting, didactic teaching, clinical research, and manuscript writing; to provide patient care; and to provide services to the community at large based upon this knowledge. Our goal is to develop leaders who will practice autonomously as an integral member of the health-care team in the clinical pharmacy setting and/or as a clinical faculty member in the academic setting in a professional, ethical, and competent manner.

The School’s Notable Accomplishments are:

- Birthplace of Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics
- One of the first pharmacy schools in the country to require pharmacogenomics
- Research strengths in protein therapeutics and drug action and drug discovery

UB is a premier, research-intensive, public university dedicated to academic excellence. Our research, creative activity and people positively impact the world. The School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences houses individual faculty research laboratories, as well as shared resources within the School, university, and major local research institutions.
The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) is a 12-month, full time program that prepares its graduates for a PGY2 residency position, general entry-level acute care clinical pharmacist, or an academic position. It offers clinical learning and research experiences, as well as teaching experience.

**Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) Corporation** includes an advanced academic medical center with 550 inpatient beds, on- and off-campus health centers, more than 30 outpatient specialty care services and Terrace View. ECMC is the regional center for trauma, burn care, transplantation and rehabilitation and is a major teaching facility for the University at Buffalo Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Nursing. Most ECMC physicians and dentists are dedicated faculty members of the university and/or members of a private practice plan and most pharmacists are voluntary faculty at the university.

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The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Lifetime Health Medical Group is a 12 month, full time program that prepares the resident for a clinical patient care position in primary, ambulatory or community patient care, an adjunct or clinical track faculty position, or for PGY2 training in area of choice.

**Lifetime Health Medical Group** is a primary care physician group recognized by NCQA as a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home. Lifetime Health Medical Group provides primary care to more than 80,000 patients in Buffalo and Rochester, NY. The MedSense™ Pharmacy Program is the clinical pharmacy service with which the resident will be primarily involved, providing patient-centered pharmacotherapy management services to patients at three locations in the Buffalo area: Hamburg, Amherst, and downtown Buffalo, NY.

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The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at the Buffalo Psychiatric Center is a 12 month, full time program focused on pharmacotherapy and research. Its purpose is to prepare graduates for a PGY2 residency position, general entry level clinical pharmacist and/or academic positions.

**Buffalo Psychiatric Center** is operated by the New York State Office of Mental Health, provides quality inpatient, outpatient, residential, vocational, and wellness services to adults with serious mental illnesses. Through treatment, rehabilitation, support, crisis, self-help, and empowerment services, we help recipients recover and resume their lives in the community. It is one of the area’s top 100 employers with career development and advancement opportunities.

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The PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York is a 12-month, full-time program that prepares the resident to be a skilled professional pharmacist in a Managed Care environment. This experience will prepare the resident to be proficient in areas such as assessing the appropriateness of medication therapy, cost containment, and quality enhancement.

**BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York** is a division of Health Now New York Inc., one of New York’s leading health care companies that provides access to quality health care and solutions for over 800,000 members throughout Upstate New York. As the region’s leading health plan, a *Buffalo News* Top Workplace, and one of the 100 Healthiest Workplaces in America, BlueCross BlueShield believes in taking small steps towards healthier living.

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The PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency at Middleport Family Health Center is a 12 month, full time program that focuses on community based patient care and prepares pharmacist clinicians for any of the following: clinical patient care position in community pharmacy or ambulatory care, or adjunct or clinical track faculty position.

Middleport Family Health Center is part of a nine store group of independent pharmacies and businesses located in the Western New York area. They service assisted living facilities, offering a full line pharmacy complete with durable medical equipment and supplies, incorporating MTM and immunization services.

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The PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency at Mobile Pharmacy Solutions is a 12 month, full time program that is dedicated to developing innovative community pharmacists that endeavor to provide advanced patient care services. This will equip the resident to collaborate with primary care, specialty care and home-care practitioners to provide home care and manage and/or pursue ownership of a community pharmacy.

Mobile Pharmacy Solutions Mobile Pharmacy Solutions is a full service, Western New York-based independently owned retail community pharmacy. We service all of Western New York by offering unique, catered pharmacy care. Our pharmacy team spends time making sure your order is delivered to you when you want it. We deliver to your home, work, or vacation location upon your request.

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Residency Program Benefits Provided (All Programs)

- Clinical Instructor Appointment
- Teaching Opportunities
- Clinical Precepting Opportunities
- Opportunity To Present an ACPE-Accredited CE Program
- Research Project
- Travel Stipend Support
- Access To a World-class, On-line Medical Library

Training & Goals

Postgraduate year 1 (PGY 1) and postgraduate year 2 (PGY 2) pharmacy residency programs provide essential clinical training for graduate pharmacists that allows for advancement within the profession of pharmacy. Residencies offered through the UB SPPS offer numerous advantages over freestanding programs.
The PGY2 HIV/AIDS Pharmacotherapeutics Residency at Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) is a 12 month, full time program that allows a pharmacist completing this program to be a competent, independent HIV Pharmacotherapy Specialist who will be prepared to enter a clinical pharmacy position in HIV/AIDS Care or an academic position within a university setting. Pharmacists completing this residency program will also be trained to successfully complete the American Academy of HIV Medicine (AAHIVM) Pharmacy Specialist (AAHIVP) Examination.

Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) Immunodeficiency Services is located in Buffalo, NY. The Immunodeficiency Clinic provides multidisciplinary services (including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, social work, nutrition and mental health) to approximately 1400 patients with HIV infection in Western New York.

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The PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at Buffalo Psychiatric Center is a 12 month full time program focused on psychiatric pharmacotherapy and research. This program is offered through the State Office of Mental Health and the Department of Pharmacy Practice within the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Buffalo. The secondary sites include, but are not limited to, the Veteran’s Administration of Buffalo and the Dent Neurologic Institute.

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The PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency at Buffalo Medical Group is a 12 month, full time program. Strengths of this program include diabetes management, managed care, teaching and research. The resident’s disease state management training will focus on diabetes but will also include heart disease risk reduction, MTM, care transitions, medication reconciliation, and hospital discharge counseling. Pharmacists completing this residency will be competent, effective, and confident practitioners who are experts in providing care to a diabetes population in the ambulatory care practice setting.

Buffalo Medical Group (BMG) is a multi-specialty physicians’ group that has Level 3 Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) recognition. Clinical pharmacy is a highly respected and integral part of patient care services. Buffalo Medical Group has 106 doctors in 20 satellite locations and the three comprehensive sites. The practice, among the oldest and largest in the state, is also part of the Community Physicians’ Quality Alliance with the Cleveland Clinic.

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Resident Activities

- **Teaching Certificate Program** - Resident’s are offered the opportunity to complete a certificate program in the area of teaching and learning. Active learning principles will be employed and residents will be given opportunities throughout the seminars to work on items such as learning objectives, exam questions, and a teaching philosophy. A basic and advanced academic certificate are offered.

- **Continuing Education Seminar** - Each resident will have an opportunity to design and deliver an ACPE-accredited continuing education program.

- **Didactic Research Class** - This class will provide a crash course on research and scholarly writing basics in order to prepare residents for their required project and scholastic pursuits. The seminar will incorporate didactic lectures, case studies, and open discussion.

- **Residency Drug Information Newsletter** - The University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (UB SPPS) Drug Information Newsletter is dedicated to providing timely information relevant to healthcare practitioners in New York. The newsletter supplies information on clinical practice guidelines, medication safety issues, new drug approvals/medications under development, medication shortages, and drug class reviews.

- **Residency Project Presentation Day** - UB SPPS hosts an annual project presentation day attended by residents across Western and Central New York. Residents present their project in a platform style format and have the opportunity to receive feedback from peers and program preceptors.

- **Community Service and Global Outreach** - Residents are offered the opportunity to assist at a local free clinic and attend medical mission trips to underserved areas both in and outside of the United States.

- **Journal Club** - The resident is expected to allocate 1 evening per month for attendance at Journal Club/topic presentation. Their presentation involves reading and critiquing all journal articles to be presented. Each resident is required to prepare & present a critical literature review on a primary literature research article or topic.

Meet Our PGY1 Pharmacy Residents

- Sonja Grinfeld, PharmD
  ECMC

- Caitlin Hoar, PharmD
  Buffalo Medical Group

- Samantha Will, PharmD
  Lifetime Health

Meet Our PGY1 Community Residents

- Marisa Censi, PharmD
  Middleport Family Health

- Amanda Pinski, PharmD
  Middleport Family Health

Meet Our PGY2 Residents

- Drew Cates, PharmD
  PGY2 – HIV Pharmacotherapeutics
  ECMC Immunodeficiency Clinic

- Kimberly Mulcahy, PharmD
  PGY2 – Psychiatry
  Chief Resident
  Buffalo Psychiatric Center

- Benjamin Kematick, PharmD
  Mobile Pharmacy Solutions

- Esra Mustafa, PharmD
  Mobile Pharmacy Solutions
RESIDENCY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE

♦ Candidate must possess a PharmD degree from an ACPE-accredited school of pharmacy and must be eligible for licensure in New York State. In addition to the NAPLEX and MPJE, New York State has a 2-day written and practical component to the licensure examination. A waiver for this component may be obtained if candidates meet qualifications.

♦ Complete an online application through PhORCAS and include: Letter of Intent, Curriculum Vitae, three (3) recommendations, and transcripts.
  http://www.ashp.org/phorcas

♦ Application Deadline: January 4, 2016

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

♦ It is the expectation of the UB SPPS Residency Advisory Committee that all UB SPPS residents will obtain pharmacy licensure in the State of New York prior to the beginning of their residency, or if not possible, not later than September 1st.

♦ The resident must send proof of licensure to their Program Director prior to September 1st.

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BUFFALO, NY AREA INFORMATION & ATTRACTIONS

Buffalo is New York’s fifth most populated city and the center of a metropolitan population of about 260,000. It is situated in Western New York State, located at the eastern end of Lake Erie. It is south of tourist attractions in Toronto, Niagara Falls, and Niagara-on-the Lake and west of the beautiful Finger Lakes region.

It has undergone a remarkable transformation in the last few years with a redeveloped waterfront known as Canalside. It hosts over one thousand annual events. In the summer there are concerts and family events, and in the winter, a 35,000 square foot skating rink.

It’s easy to stretch your dollar in Buffalo, where the cost of living is well below the national average.

Local attractions include a theater district, a number of museums, a variety of restaurants, and numerous cultural events. During the summer, Buffalonians enjoy outdoor activities such as biking, hiking, boating, golf, free concerts at Canalside, jazz on the steps of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Shakespeare in the Park, and much more.

Buffalo is known for its snow, but if you dig a little deeper you’ll see that our region enjoys four distinct seasons, each different in their own way. May is typically the most beautiful and comfortable of the spring months, with temperatures in the 70s, fair and sunny days and beautiful blossoms. It’s the perfect time for hikes and other outdoor activities. We have the sunniest and driest summers in the northeast, comfortable and crisp fall weather, and the winters in Buffalo are not the snowiest in the country or even in NY state.

For additional program information, please visit our website at:
http://pharmacy.buffalo.edu/academic-programs/residencies.html