

## **Buffalo General Medical Center (BGMC) APPE policy for year 2026-2027**

BGMC will be taking students who wish to complete at least two rotations during their APPE year. This will enhance student experience by minimizing orientation time required for each new rotation and allow students a more in-depth clinical experience. Students may complete up to four APPE four-six week rotations under this new policy with various preceptors at BGMC. The types of rotations available include:

### **Inpatient Adult Patient Care (Core) (6 weeks)**

- Inpatient Care Internal Medicine
- Inpatient Care Intensive Care (MICU, SICU, CVICU)
- Inpatient Care Cardiology

### **Hospital Health Systems Pharmacy (Core) (4 weeks)**

- Inpatient Care Health System Pharmacy

### **Electives, Patient Care (6 weeks)**

- Cardiology
- Infectious Disease
- Intensive Care (MICU, SICU, Neuro ICU)
- Transitions of Care

### **Electives, Non-Patient Care (6 weeks)**

- Administration\*  
\*Available to dual PharmD/MBA students only

These rotations do not have to be done consecutively (back-to-back rotations). Student and preceptor preference and availability will be taken into consideration when scheduling occurs.

Application requires submission of a letter or video of intent outlining your interest in the program, your career goals and a CV.

Kaleida Health is the largest healthcare provider in Western New York, serving the area's eight counties with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive healthcare services. Its expert, compassionate healthcare professionals are committed to providing the best possible outcomes and experience for patients and visitors. More than one million sick or injured patients choose a Kaleida Health facility annually, including Buffalo General Medical Center/Gates Vascular Institute, DeGraff Memorial Hospital, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, and John R. Oishei Children's Hospital.

Buffalo General Medical Center has 457 beds and is the largest Kaleida Health facility. It provides a wide spectrum of clinical inpatient departments and outpatient services, and its specialized programs include: cardiac services, general surgery (including robotics), bariatrics, orthopedics, urology, vascular services, gastroenterology, rehabilitation medicine and neurology. Adjacent to Buffalo General Medical Center, the Gates Vascular Institute is a combination of the finest researchers, surgeons, physicians, and other clinicians devoted to the study, treatment and prevention of cardiac, stroke and vascular diseases. Designed to promote a collaborative environment, the Gates Vascular Institute brings the brightest medical minds together on behalf of the patients of Western New York.

The pharmacy department at BGMC consists of approximately 48 pharmacists, including 30 staff pharmacists, 6 clinical pharmacy coordinators, 12 clinical pharmacists, 6 pharmacy residents, and 3 additional management-level pharmacists, as well as four clinical faculty members. The pharmacy department is well known throughout the hospital and a leader in technology. The department maintains an excellent relationship with the medical staff. Pharmacists make recommendations regarding pharmacotherapy that are well received, and recommendations are typically implemented. The pharmacy department also provides services in antibiotic stewardship and anticoagulation, where pharmacists work closely with providers, making recommendations on proper use of antibiotics and anticoagulants, and delivering patient education on anticoagulants. Pharmacists also provide education on specific antiarrhythmics, device teaching as requested, and discharge medication education for patients going home. Pharmacists and residents also attend codes both in the Emergency Department and on the inpatient units.

BGMC's longitudinal rotations may be of particular interest for students interested in a residency program. A longitudinal rotation will provide opportunities for students to create strong relationships with pharmacists as potential writers of letters of recommendation; determine areas of interest and specialty; work with pharmacy residents (3 PGY1's, 1 PGY2 in Internal Medicine; 1 PGY2 in Infectious Disease; 1 PGY2 in Critical Care); learn about Kaleida Health residency opportunities; and become intricately familiar with the health system.

Available rotations include multiple intensive care unit (ICU) rotations (Medical Intensive Care Unit, Surgical Intensive Care Unit, Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit, Coronary Care Unit, Cardiothoracic Surgery), Emergency Department, Internal Medicine, Infectious Disease, Anticoagulation Services, Stewardship, and Pharmacy Administration.

The majority of the preceptors for longitudinal rotations are BGMC pharmacists but also include UB faculty (Dr. Cieri-Hutcherson, Dr. Chilbert, Dr. Clark, and Dr. Woodruff). Only 2 rotations are required for this experience to be considered longitudinal, and these rotations do not have to be consecutive. Those students applying for longitudinal rotations will be given rotation preference over placement of students not completing a longitudinal rotation (i.e., If you want to maximize your chance of getting a particular rotation at BGMC apply for the longitudinal program). Specific module preferences will be taken into account during scheduling. Please contact Dr. Cieri-Hutcherson with any questions

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