

Catholic Health System (CHS) APPE Policy

Catholic Health Systems is made up of four major hospitals including Mercy Hospital of Buffalo (SBM), Kenmore Mercy Hospital (KMH), Sisters of Charity Hospital/St. Joseph Campus (SOC), and Mount St. Mary's Hospital (MSM). It also has several ambulatory care clinics throughout Western New York. Catholic Health pharmacy department is offering a longitudinal rotation for APPE students in effort to provide a more in-depth clinical experience. Students will be expected to complete a minimum of three rotations at various hospitals within CHS. Students will complete one inpatient care general medicine rotation, one hospital systems pharmacy rotation, and have an option of up to two elective rotations. Rotations do not have to be completed consecutively, and they will be based on student preference and preceptor availability.

Inpatient Adult Patient Care (Core) (6 weeks)

- Inpatient Care: Internal Medicine (Mercy, Sisters, or Kenmore Mercy)
 - Emma Studlack, PharmD, BCPS (SBM)
 - Renee Puleo, PharmD, BCPS (SBM)
 - Chelsea Barvian, PharmD, BCPS (KMH)
 - Kristin Cirbus, PharmD, BCPS (SOC)
- Inpatient Care: Intensive Care
 - Kelsey Gregoire, PharmD, MPH, BCCCP (KMH)

Hospital Health Systems Pharmacy (Core) (4 weeks)

- Inpatient Care Health System Pharmacy
 - Maria Birke, PharmD, BCPS (SBM)
 - Brenda Queeno, PharmD, BCPS (KMH)
 - Amanda Roberts, PharmD (KMH)
 - Kristin Hall, PharmD, BCPS (SOC)

Electives – Direct Patient Care (6 weeks):

- *Can chose an additional core rotation*
- Infectious Disease
 - Sara Ditursi, PharmD, BCPS, BCIDP (KMH)
 - Laura Goode, PharmD, BCPS, BCIDP (SOC)
- Psychiatric Pharmacy
 - Courtney Jarka, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP (MSM)
- Emergency Medicine
 - Danielle Hopwood, PharmD, BCPS, BCEMP (KMH)
 - Alyssa Kiel, PharmD, BCPS, BCEMP (SBM)
- Ambulatory Care
 - Gurjot Sandhu, PharmD, BCPS (CHS primary care clinics)
 - Kara Wilcox, PharmD, MBA, BCPS (CHS primary care clinics)
- Administrative at Mercy (*Dual PharmD/MBA students preferred*)
 - James Bartlett, PharmD, BCPS: Pharmacy Administration (SBM)
 - Dimitra Bitikofer, PharmD, BCPS: Pharmacy Administration (KMH/MSM)

Student Requirements:

- Submit Application
- Letter of Intent outlining interest in program and potential career goals
- CV
- On-site interview

CHS is an integrated healthcare system serving a large portion of Erie and Niagara County. CHS is composed of 5 hospital systems and a variety of clinics in primary care, cardiology, endocrinology, and infectious diseases. Mercy of Buffalo Hospital is the largest hospital in the system with 387 beds specializing in cardiac care, neurology, and maternity care. Sisters of Charity is 310 beds and specializes in maternity, neonatal care, vascular surgery, and bariatric surgery. Kenmore Mercy Hospital consists of 184 beds and specialized in infectious disease and ambulatory surgery. Mount St. Mary's is a small hospital in Niagara County and specializes in psychiatric medicine with a 69-bed inpatient chemical dependency unit. Students will be able to choose rotations at any of these hospitals to allow for a unique and diverse learning experience.

All CHS hospitals are Advanced Comprehensive Stroke Centers accredited through Joint Commission with the expectation that pharmacists attend all code strokes within the hospital. In addition, our clinical pharmacists respond to all medical emergencies and rapid responses within the hospital. Other pharmacy driven services include antimicrobial stewardship, anticoagulation monitoring, glucose monitoring, pharmacokinetics consults, and parenteral nutrition consults. Each hospital has residency trained clinical pharmacy specialists who will be the primary preceptors for the longitudinal rotations. Clinical pharmacy specialists are all board certified and specialize in internal medicine, critical care, infectious disease, emergency medicine, and behavioral health. These pharmacists play an integral role in interdisciplinary rounds and work closely with providers, nurses, respiratory therapist, and dietitians.

The longitudinal program through CHS is ideal for students interested in pursuing residency after graduation. This experience can help students create professional relationships with highly qualified pharmacists for letters of recommendations and can help students determine specific areas of interest. CHS currently has 7 PGY-1 resident positions (4 SBM and 3 SOC), a PGY-2 resident in emergency medicine, and a PGY-2 resident in ambulatory care. Students will be able to appreciate the expectations of CHS residents first hand by working closely with current residents, and can learn about the variety of residency opportunities. Potential preceptors with their perspective locations are listed above.

Those students applying for longitudinal rotations will be given rotation preference over placement of students not completing a longitudinal rotation. Specific module preferences will be taken into account during scheduling. Please contact Kelsey Gregoire with any questions (kgregoire@chsbuffalo.org).