



University at Buffalo

# School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

## PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency

### Program Purpose

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PGY2 residency programs build upon Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency training to develop pharmacist practitioners with knowledge, skills, and abilities as defined in the educational competency areas, goals, and objectives for advanced practice areas. Residents who successfully complete PGY2 residency programs are prepared for advanced patient care or other specialized positions, and board certification in the advanced practice area, if available.

### Overview of the Residency Program

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This program is administered through the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science (UB SPPS) and the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) and is sited at the Buffalo Psychiatric Center (BPC) in downtown Buffalo, NY. Strengths of this program include interprofessional, collaborative patient care in the inpatient and outpatient settings and an academic pharmacy experience anchored by the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Graduates will be skilled in providing education to patients and caregivers, pharmacy students, and healthcare providers and will possess project management skills and the skills required to design, implement, manage, and evaluate a clinical psychiatric pharmacy service as well as to prepare for a potential career in academia.

### Description of the Practice Site

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The Buffalo Psychiatric Center is a 190 bed Joint Commission accredited inpatient psychiatric facility within the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) that also provides outpatient services to thousands of individuals with serious mental illness in the Western New York Community. This residency is unique in that learning experiences are also facilitated at collaborating facilities such as the Erie County Medical Center (ECMC), Brylin Hospital, and Strong Memorial Hospital, to enhance the resident's exposure to the required competencies expected of the psychiatric pharmacy expert. Clinical practice opportunities include general adult, mentally ill chemically dependent, forensic and geriatric psychiatry as well as child and adolescent psychiatry. The program provides the flexibility to be individualized based upon candidate interests and career goals.

### Required Learning Experiences

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**Adult Inpatient Psychiatry** is a required series of rotations comprised of **3 unique learning experiences** each with a specific focus: geriatric, substance use disorders and psychiatric emergency medicine. The learning experience rotations vary in length and expected time allocated during the week. The resident will additionally participate in a staffing assignment scheduled during the geriatric learning experience. These rotations will allow the resident to provide direct patient care triage services to all the patients within the inpatient psychiatric center. The psychiatric emergency rotation is scheduled at our affiliated acute inpatient care psychiatric emergency room at ECMC.\*

**Adult Outpatient Clinic** is a required learning experience of this residency. This longitudinal learning experience is a 24-week rotation that focuses on the progressive development of the resident as an outpatient psychiatric care pharmacy clinician. The resident will complete this learning experience either within the BPC assertive community treatment (ACT) team clinic, or with collaborating facilities within Western New York.

**Child and adolescent psychiatry** is a required 8 week rotation in this PGY2 psychiatric residency program. The resident will be exposed to a variety of pediatric psychiatric disorders and participate in collaborative clinical activities as well as to provide patient, parent and caregiver education to ensure safe and effective medication use in this population. The resident will complete this learning experience at the Western New York Children's Psychiatric Center in West Seneca, NY.

**University Services** is a required series of rotations comprised of **2 unique learning experiences** each with a specific focus: course coordination-precepting and teaching. Both longitudinal learning experiences are 12 weeks duration with time allocated to one-half day per week. The learning experiences focus on the progressive development of the resident as an academician, pharmacy preceptor and practice leader. The resident will complete this learning experience primarily at UB-SPPS and BPC. Completion of a Teaching Certificate Program and ACPE-accredited continuing education program are required. (Note: Teaching Certificate may be waived if previously completed during PGY1).

**Research Project:** The resident is required to complete at least two projects over the course of the year that involve quality improvement or research to improve the care of patients with psychiatric or neurologic disorders and which support the advancement of the pharmacy profession or psychiatric pharmacy specialty practice. This learning experience is precepted by experienced researchers with numerous publications accepted in peer reviewed journals.

**Currently there are established electives at Strong Memorial Hospital (general psychiatry) and Administration (Buffalo Psychiatric Center)\***

*\*offsite non-reimbursable expenses such as mileage and parking fees may apply*

### **Additional Information**

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**Eligibility:** Candidates must possess a PharmD degree from an ACPE-accredited school of pharmacy, have completed an ASHP accredited or candidate status PGY1 residency program and be eligible for licensure in New York State.

**PhORCAS:** Letter of intent, curriculum vitae, three (3) references, and transcripts should be submitted electronically via PhORCAS

**Program Duration:** 52 weeks (approximately: July 8 – July 7) **Number of Positions:** 1

**Salary and Benefits:** Competitive salary; benefits package that includes health insurance, vacation and sick leave, paid holidays, travel support, stipend to attend professional meetings, online library and computer privileges.

**Application Deadline:** January 5<sup>th</sup>

**National Matching Service Code:** 625266

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