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Rush Copley Medical Center

**PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program**

## Progressive ● Community ● Quality




Rush Copley Medical Center (RCMC) is a not-for-profit medical center located in Aurora, IL, that has provided healthcare services for over 130 years. Rush Copley encompasses a 210-bed community hospital and serves patients across a 400-square-mile service area. The renovated medical center is organized into five Centers of Excellence: the Cancer Care Center, Emergency Services, the Heart and Vascular Institute, the Neuroscience Institute, and the Women's Services Institute. Rush Copley is fully integrated with the Rush Health System, which includes Rush University Medical Center in Chicago and Rush Oak Park Hospital.

RCMC is the most preferred hospital for all key medical specialties and overall quality of care by area consumers (NRC 2020). Rush Copley has more disease-specific accreditations and certifications than any other healthcare provider in the Fox Valley area. It has earned an "A" safety grade over 20 times from The Leapfrog Group, a prominent independent authority on patient safety, and received Magnet designation with distinction from the American Nurses Credentialing Center in 2025.

Aurora, IL, is a western suburb of Chicago situated along the Fox River. As the second-largest city in Illinois, it offers big-city opportunities within a close-knit community. Aurora boasts a culturally diverse food and entertainment scene while maintaining an affordable cost of living for its residents.

The RCMC Pharmacy Residency Program is designed to follow the published accreditation standards of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). Our goal for the PGY1 residency program is to provide a postgraduate-level, professional, patient-centered training experience that builds upon a Doctor of Pharmacy education. Our program emphasizes developing clinical pharmacists who are responsible for the medication-related care of diverse patient conditions, ensuring they are well-prepared for both board certification and PGY2 pharmacy training.

The RCMC pharmacy residency program integrates clinical, administrative, and distributive functions. All preceptors are board-certified, hold advanced degrees, or are residency-trained pharmacists who provide clinical services 24/7 as valued members of the multidisciplinary healthcare team. Preceptors provide residents with hands-on, patient-specific case management involvement. Residents also participate in weekend and holiday staffing, as well as projects related to patient care services and pharmacy development initiatives.

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**Our mission at RCMC is to provide advanced medicine with quality outcomes and extraordinary care.**

Our PGY1 residency program fosters well-rounded, autonomous clinicians through robust experiences in medical/surgical units, adult and neonatal intensive care units, oncology, cardiology, infectious disease, and emergency medicine. Continuous educational opportunities are integrated throughout the year, allowing residents to attend and participate in professional conferences including the ICHP Annual Meeting, ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, and the Illinois Pharmacy Resident Conference. Residents will also advance their clinical skills through the attainment of essential certifications (BLS, ACLS, and PALS) and additional ongoing professional development activities.

RCMC residents will participate in multiple facets of our comprehensive pharmacy services to refine their clinical and operational leadership skills. These responsibilities include multidisciplinary medical team rounding, antimicrobial stewardship, anticoagulation management, emergency response, and pharmacokinetic services. Residents will also gain valuable experience contributing to interdisciplinary committees, developing clinical protocols, and educating patients, healthcare providers, and pharmacy students through direct mentoring and precepting opportunities.

| Rotation Opportunities | Longitudinal Projects and Key Experiences |
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| **Required**<br>• Orientation/Staffing<br>• Adult Critical Care<br>• Practice Management<br>• Clinical Management<br>• Hematology/Oncology<br>• Internal Medicine I<br>• Neonatal Intensive Care/Obstetrics<br>• Infectious Disease/Antimicrobial Stewardship<br>• Emergency Medicine<br>**Elective**<br>• Cardiac Care / Heart Failure<br>• Internal Medicine II<br>• Medication Safety<br>• Informatics | • Participation in Teaching Certificate with Midwestern University<br>• Research Project<br>  ○ ILPRC Conference Presentation<br>• Quality improvement project<br>  ○ Poster at Midyear<br>• Preparation of a monograph, formulary review, or SBAR for System PNT or PNT subcommittee<br>• Education to Family Medicine Residents<br>• Preparation of Grand Rounds Presentation<br>• Nursing, Pharmacist & Provider In-services<br>• Staffing: every 3rd weekend, 3 holidays, and weekly evening staffing shift<br>**Application Deadline: 1/8/2027** |


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