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Core Rotations (4 weeks each)	Core ICU Preceptors
Medical Intensive Care Unit I	Julie Baldassarra, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP
Surgical Intensive Care Unit I	Arzo Hamidi, PharmD, BCCCP
Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit I	Nicholas Hunt, PharmD, BCCCP
Cardiac Intensive Care Unit	Monica Jandura, PharmD, BCPS
Cardiovascular Surgery Intensive Care Unit	Bryan Menich, PharmD, BCCCP
Emergency Medicine	Nick Panos, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP
Orientation	Gigi Rechner-Neven, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP
Clinical Research (longitudinal)	Alissa Shega, PharmD, BCCP
Medical Intensive Care Unit II	Mary Jane Sullivan, PharmD, BCCCP
Adult Intensive Care Unit	
Elective Rotations (on-site, 4 weeks unless noted)	
Pediatric Intensive Care Unit	
Clinical Nutrition (1 week)	
Infectious Diseases (2-4 weeks)	
Surgical Intensive Care Unit II	On-Call (24 h, in-house)
Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit II	Code blue response
	Acute stroke response
Elective Rotations (off-site, up to 2, 2-4 weeks each)	Anticoagulation reversal response (bedside PCC prep)
Toxicology (Illinois Poison Center)	Rapid response team participation
Trauma Intensive Care Unit	Vancomycin/aminoglycoside PK/PD consultation
	Antimicrobial stewardship
Certifications	Teaching Opportunities
Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS)	Didactic lectures
Emergency Neurological Life Support (ENLS)	Precepting IPPE and APPE students
Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)	Pharmacy Grand Rounds (2)
	Journal clubs
Research	Pharmacy Services
A critical care research project is selected from a list of	Weekend staffing: every 4th weekend, 4 hours on-call
Research Task Force approved proposals. The project	Medication utilization evaluation
will be presented at the Illinois Pharmacy Resident	Policy/protocol development (& implementation)
Conference with the goal of SCCM abstract submission	Subcommittee membership
and journal publication. There is an opportunity for a	
Rush research certificate after completion of a research	Professional Meetings
curriculum composed of 12-15 research lectures.	Society of Critical Care Medicine Annual Congress
Residents interested in submitting their research project for grant funding will be supported by the	Illinois Pharmacy Resident Conference
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primary preceptor and Research Task Force.	\$1500 travel expenses

PGY2 Residency Program: The ASHP-accredited Critical Care PGY2 Program is a one year residency designed to provide specialty training to residents interested in critical care. The program has one (1) PGY2 critical care resident working in collaboration with 16 other pharmacy residents at Rush University Medical Center (10 PGY1s and 7 PGY2s). The program provides a well-rounded experience with 6 core ICU rotations and a rotation through the emergency department. Additionally, residents will have opportunities to gain experience in teaching, research, and quality improvement. The purpose is to build on PharmD education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in specialized areas of practice. We provide residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge into the provision of patient care or other advanced practice settings. Residents who successfully complete our program are prepared for advanced patient care, academic, or other specialized positions, along with board certification in critical care (BCCCP).

Patient Care Experience: The PGY2 resident will participate in multidisciplinary care of critically ill patients in an academic teaching environment. The resident will practice in a state-of-the-art critical care facility that includes a 28-bed medical intensive care unit, 28-bed mixed medical and surgical intensive care unit, 28-bed cardiosciences intensive care unit, 28-bed neurosciences intensive care unit, and a 56-bed emergency department. There are a variety of elective rotations that can be tailored to the interest of the resident.

Research Experience: The PGY2 resident will be expected to complete a longitudinal research project suitable for publication in collaboration with experienced preceptors. The project will be of the resident's choosing and involve a critical care concept. The project will be presented at the Illinois Pharmacy Residency Conference in May or other critical care conference, if accepted. Higher level statistical support is available within the Department of Pharmacy.

Teaching Experience: The PGY2 residents will serve as a preceptor for Doctor of Pharmacy students enrolled at Midwestern University, Chicago State University, University of Illinois at Chicago, Rosalind Franklin University, and Roosevelt University. They also will lead organized group discussions with pharmacy students and PGY1 residents. The residents will also have the opportunity to participate in a teaching certificate program.

Operations Experience: Residents will be responsible for staffing every 4th weekend and 4 hours during the on-call shifts.

On-call Program: Residents are expected to take overnight call in the medical center approximately one out of every 10 to 14 nights. An on-call room is available for down time between responsibilities. The on-call program is fluid and responsibilities are adapted to meet the needs of our patients and the institution with the goal of providing unique learning experiences for our residents that foster critical thinking and independence.

For further information, see our website: www.rushu.rush.edu/pharm/residency or contact the PGY2 Residency Program Director or Coordinator:

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