



Pediatric Pharmacy Practice Residency - Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I receive more information about the residency program at MUSC?

Go to the residency program's Web site at www.musc.edu/pharmres.

How do I receive an application for the residency program at MUSC?

The application and all pertinent information are available on the above Web site.

What are the required contents of the application packet?

Application packets should include: the application, a letter of intent, official transcripts, class rank, and three letters of reference. All materials should be gathered in one packet and mailed by the applicant.

When is the application packet due?

The application and letter of intent **must be postmarked by January 5.**

What is the best way to contact the Residency Program Director?

The preferred method of communication with the Residency Program Director, Kathy Chessman, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, BCNSP is via e-mail at chessmak@musc.edu.

What is the resident's salary?

The salary for a Pediatric Pharmacy Practice Resident at MUSC is \$42,435 (PGY 2). The salary for a PGY 1 is \$41,000.

What are the required rotations?

Required rotations include: Orientation, General Pediatrics, General Pediatrics – Teaching, Pediatric ICU, Neonatal ICU (2 months), Pediatric Surgery, Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery, and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology. There are a minimum of two electives. Residents also spend one half-day per week in an ambulatory care clinic, i.e., Pediatric Pulmonary (6 months), Pediatric Nephrology (6 months) or the Pediatric Special Needs Clinic (6 months).

How much "on-call" is involved?

Pediatric Pharmacy Practice residents participate in the Pediatric Clinical On-Call Service which operates 24 hours/day, 365 days/year. They will take primary call a maximum of one weekend (Fri-Sun) each month and every other Monday-Thursday, depending on scheduling of other residents in pediatrics.

What is the staffing component of the residency?

Pediatric Pharmacy Practice residents are required to staff at the MUSC Medical Center 16 hours per month. This usually translates into one weekend per month. Pediatric Pharmacy Practice residents will staff in the MUSC Children's Hospital as a decentralized pharmacist.

What are other requirements of the residency?

All pharmacy residents at MUSC are required to complete two projects: a MUE and a "service" project. One of these projects will be presented at the Southeastern Residency Conference (SERC). Residents present an ACPE-accredited seminar and participate in Resident Interactive Teaching Experience (RITE). At least one publication is required.

Who are the current residents and how can I contact them?

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