Elevate Your Clinical and Leadership Skills

CU Pharmacy's Post Graduate Year 1 (PGY1) Community-Based Residency invites you to step into a dynamic and innovative training experience. This program goes beyond traditional pharmacy practice, offering residents the chance to sharpen clinical skills while also exploring the business, initiating clinical services, and operational sides of pharmacy.

Residents spend the majority of their time at their main community site, engaging in direct patient care, prescribing medications using statewide protocols, and practicing leadership skills. They also dedicate at least one day per week in an ambulatory care clinic, gain five months of experience at a free student-run clinic where they serve as preceptors to students while caring for the underserved, and complete a semester in academia. Additional program components include a very structured longitudinal research project allowing the residents the opportunity to publish, elective opportunities, a teaching certificate, and more providing residents with a truly well-rounded foundation.

Accredited by ASHP since 2010, the program is part of the University of Colorado Anschutz, located just outside Denver. Through a rich blend of patient care, teaching, scholarship, and leadership development, the residency prepares forward-thinking pharmacy leaders committed to advancing community and ambulatory care practice.





Dr. Lindsey Villanueva Little, former PGY1



Meet Your Mentors

University of Colorado Preceptors

- Kelsey Schwander, PharmD, CBIS, Residency Program Director
- Sarah Moss, PharmD, DMPH, BCPS, BCACP, BC-ADM, UCHealth Family Medicine, DAWN, Residency Program Coordinator
- Connie Valdez, PharmD, MSEd, BCPS, Sheridan Health Services

Sheridan Health Services and Denver Indian Health Services Preceptors

- Alex Versackas, Pharm D, MBA, Pharmacy Manager, Sheridan Health Services
- Noah Gallegos, PharmD, Sheridan Health Services
- Leah Fitzgerald, Pharm D, BCACP, Denver Indian Health and Family Services

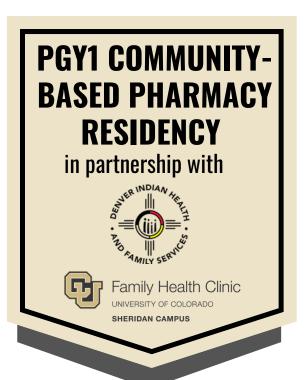












Anschutz

Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences



Residency Program Details

- Program Length: 12 months
- Number of positions: 1
- Stipend: \$55,000
- Professional Development Funds: Varies per year. Funds are used to send residents to APhA Annual Conference AND the Residency Conference of the Rockies, Colorado Pharmacists Society Conference.

Requirements & Deadlines

- Doctor of Pharmacy Degree
- Community Pharmacy Practice Experience Preferred
- Deadline: January 2nd
- Apply through PhORCAS

Benefits

- 15 Days paid time off, 6 holidays
- Longitudinal rotations
- Healthcare coverage
- Travel stipend for professional meetings
- Appointment as Clinical Instructor
- Teaching certificate
- Benefits subject to change
- Great work life balance



Did you know?

ASHP notes that residency training gives pharmacists "a clear advantage over applicants who have not."

Learning Experiences Include

- Orientation
- Academia
- Administration and Leadership
- Ambulatory Care
- DAWN Clinic
- Leadership, Management and Operations
- Patient-Centered Medication Use
- Patient Care
- Research Project
- Electives: Advanced Ambulatory Care, Academic Elective, Value Based Care/Population HIV Health, and more!

Residency Sites

- CU Pharmacy in CU Family Health Clinic at Sheridan
- Ambulatory Care Clinic at Denver Indian Health and Family Services
- DAWN Clinic (student-free run clinic)
- Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Colorado Anschutz

Please see website for exact locations and addresses





Sheridan Health Services and Denver Indian Health Services

The PGY1 Community-Based Residency at Sheridan Health Services, the program's main site, offers pharmacists a unique opportunity to train in an integrated Federally Qualified Health Center setting. Residents gain hands-on experience in direct patient care, population health, and clinic operations while serving a diverse, underserved community.

Clinical pharmacists at Sheridan play a vital role in chronic disease management, transitions of care, and innovative services such as HIV prevention, naloxone and Vivitrol protocols, smoking cessation, immunizations, and medication therapy management. Working closely with interprofessional teams, residents deliver high-quality, patient-centered care while also developing leadership, teaching, and 340B program management skills. With the support of the University of Colorado, residents join a mission-driven clinic committed to advancing health equity and preparing the next generation of pharmacy leaders.

At the Denver Indian Health and Family Services ambulatory care site, residents spend two days per week in a nonprofit, urban Indian Health Program serving American Indian and Alaska Native communities. They gain experience in culturally responsive, patient-centered care through chronic disease management, medication therapy management, and preventive health services while collaborating with medical, behavioral health, and dental teams to improve outcomes and advance health equity.