Applying for Our Residency

Application Deadline: December 29, 2022

Applicants must submit through PhORCAS a personal statement, pharmacy transcripts, three letters of recommendation and a curriculum vitae. An on-site interview also is required. Please contact one of us if you are interested in the program or have any questions regarding the residency.

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Resident Salary and Benefits

Salary
$50,000

Health and Dental Insurance
Residents are eligible for enrollment in group health insurance. Coverage starts after the first 30 days of employment.

Life Insurance
The hospital provides term life insurance at one times the annual salary at no cost to the resident.

Educational Leave
A maximum of seven days will be authorized for travel to meetings.

Paid Time Off
A total of 23 days paid time off (PTO) is provided. (Paid Time Off or PTO) is provided. These days are used for holidays, vacation days, and the first three days of any extended episode of illness.

Holidays
The six annual holidays are Christmas, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving. The resident will be scheduled to one major and one minor holiday.

Support Services
Residents have privileges at the medical library. Office space, copying privileges, and access to personal computers and the Internet are available. Free parking also is provided.

Licensure
Residents must be licensed by the Missouri Board of Pharmacy.
Residents participate in a variety of educational and service activities throughout the year.

Resident Research
The resident is responsible for conceiving, designing and conducting a research project during the year. The project will be completed under the guidance of one of the residency preceptors. Opportunities to present completed research at local, state or national conferences as available.

Pharmacy Presentations
Residents will present and discuss current articles of interest at two journal clubs and two formal case presentations.

Resident Education Academy
Resident will participate in a series of longitudinal workshops designed to introduce principles of abilities-based education (ABE) and offer practice opportunities in preparing teaching materials and teach an elective course. Upon successful completion, residents will receive a teaching certificate from St. Louis College of Pharmacy at UHSP.

Resident Seminar
The resident will present a formal seminar to St. Louis metropolitan area pharmacists. Assistance and guidelines for seminar presentation will be provided.

Conferences
A variety of conferences are available at Missouri Baptist Medical Center. These include medicine Grand Rounds and numerous specialty conferences.

Service Commitment
The resident will provide staffing to the department by working two three-hour evening shifts a week along with one eight-hour weekend clinical pharmacy shift every fourth week.

Advanced Cardiac Life Support
Residents will complete advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) and should have current basic life support (BLS) certification prior to taking ACLS.
Cardiovascular Recovery
Patients cared for in this unit include those who have received coronary bypass surgery, heart valve replacements and aneurysm repair. Under the guidance of the preceptor, the resident will provide pharmaceutical care to the patients and drug information to the team.

Cardiology
The resident will round with the Washington University School of Medicine Advanced Heart Failure team. Under the guidance of a preceptor, the resident will provide care for patients with complex cardiac disease states such as acute coronary syndromes, heart failure, and atrial and ventricular arrhythmias. The resident will also assist in precepting PharmD students.

Infectious Diseases
The resident will attend rounds with an infectious disease physician as well and participate in antimicrobial stewardship activities. Under the guidance of the preceptor, the resident will provide care for patients with a variety of bacterial, viral, and fungal infections. The resident will assist in precepting PharmD students.

Surgical and Medical Intensive Care Units
The intensive care units consists of three units with a total of 30 beds. The resident will attend rounds in the intensive care units. Under the guidance of the preceptor, the resident will provide pharmaceutical care to the patients and drug information to the team. Knowledge of pharmacotherapy in critical care and interpretation of invasive hemodynamic monitoring data will be emphasized.

Internal Medicine
The resident will work with a multidisciplinary, interprofessional team to optimize disease state management and improve transitions of care. Under the guidance of a preceptor, the resident with care for patients with a wide variety of general medicine disease states, with an additional focus on neurology and/or medical oncology. The resident will also assist in precepting PharmD students.

Emergency Medicine
The emergency department consists of a 26-bed unit. Residents will participate in direct patient care on a daily basis in conjunction with emergency medicine physicians and nurses. Under the guidance of the preceptor, they will assist in medication history documentation, admission order review and pharmaceutical care. In this dynamic setting, residents will develop skills to rapidly review charts, interview and counsel patients, assist in medical emergencies and provide empiric treatment recommendations as well as drug information for a broad range of disease states.

Nephrology
The resident will participate in patient rounds with a nephrologist and preceptor. Topic discussions will include chronic renal failure, acute renal failure, as well as other renal-related disorders.

Longitudinal Heart Failure Clinic
The resident will participate in a weekly longitudinal ambulatory care experience focused in advanced heart failure. The resident will collaborate with physicians and a nurse practitioner to optimize guideline-directed medication therapy. The resident will also assist in precepting PharmD students.
Missouri Baptist Medical Center, a 489-bed tertiary care community hospital in the heart of St. Louis County and a member of the nationally renowned BJC HealthCare system, is offering an extraordinary opportunity in a pharmacy practice residency accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

The program provides a unique residency experience at a hospital that has developed a national reputation for its commitment to quality care, safety and excellence. Missouri Baptist was named one of the nation’s Top 100 Hospitals® by Thomson Reuters, in its annual study identifying the 100 top U.S. hospitals based on their overall organizational performance.

The pharmacy department provides an extensive spectrum of clinical services, including interdisciplinary patient rounds, nutritional support team, pharmacokinetics, drug information, investigational drug service and involvement in multiple performance improvement committees.

The pharmacy department also utilizes a state-of-the-art medical informatics system that alerts pharmacists regarding medication management.

The department has 40 full-time equivalent (FTE) pharmacists, 31 FTE technicians, four satellite pharmacies, including an oncology/infusion center, and operating room satellites.
When I found out I had matched with Missouri Baptist Medical Center, I was so excited. Through midyear and my interview, I was able to see that Missouri Baptist Medical Center provides the perfect balance of a diverse patient population, rigorous residency program, and supportive and encouraging pharmacy team. I was nervous about transitioning into the resident role, but all of the pharmacists here are extremely welcoming and helpful and made my transition seamless.

This program allows you to grow as a professional and expand your clinical knowledge. The providers welcome pharmacy input which fosters a great environment for interprofessional practice. The rotation options at Missouri Baptist Medical Center are vast and well-rounded to ensure you can get exposure in a variety of specialties. Every preceptor at Missouri Baptist Medical Center is heavily invested in your residency experience and prioritizes your learning, so each experience can be tailored to your goals. We also have the opportunity to precept students, complete research projects, and have exposure in an ambulatory setting through the Heart Failure Clinic.

Missouri Baptist Medical Center has been recognized as one of the top-ranked hospitals in St. Louis and in Missouri, and I am grateful for the opportunity to practice in this environment. If I could go back and do the Match process all over, I would not change a thing. If you have any questions about the residency at Missouri Baptist Medical Center or residency in general, please feel free to reach out to me via email or phone at ellie.nazzoli@bjc.org or 314.280.1929.

On match day when I received the email that I had matched with Missouri Baptist Medical Center I couldn’t wait to dive into residency. I knew from talking to the preceptors and previous residents that Missouri Baptist Medical Center would provide me with the support and opportunities that I needed to grow and learn during my residency year. The transition from student to resident was made effortless through the orientation rotation where I had opportunity to staff and become comfortable in my new role as a pharmacist.

The program is designed to make you a well-rounded resident and set you up for success regardless of what your next steps in your career are. Being a larger community hospital, Missouri Baptist Medical Center allows for a large hospital experience with a community hospital environment where everyone truly cares about and supports each other. The rotation experiences offer knowledge that can be utilized throughout your pharmacy career and each preceptor is deeply invested in you as a resident and wants you to succeed not only in your career but in life. My rotations and research projects have all been tailored to my personal goals and interests.

Longitudinal opportunities include working on multiple research projects, working with patients and physicians in heart failure clinic, management rotations and being part of P&T committee and other committees of your choice. Precepting students and completing a teaching certificate through the Resident Education Academy at University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy is another opportunity for professional growth at Missouri Baptist Medical Center.

Applying for residency can be a daunting task but is well worth it in the end. I would highly encourage you to consider Missouri Baptist Medical Center. I am happy to answer questions regarding the program, so please feel free to reach out to me via email or phone at Emily.stephens@bjc.org or 314.393.8456.
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A comprehensive and nationally recognized cardiology program, the Heart Center at MoBap is staffed by a team of top cardiologists in St. Louis, treating a variety of heart conditions. Our exceptional cardiac surgery program continually ranks among the best in the nation, and our use of the most advanced technologies have made us leaders in both the region and throughout the country. While our center is recognized for its expertise and high volume, we bring a focused approach to every patient, leveraging our in-depth knowledge to treat the patient, not the condition.

The medical and radiation oncologists, nurses, social workers and clinical professionals in the Missouri Baptist Cancer Center provide screening and early detection, diagnosis, intervention and rehabilitation for oncology and hematology patients.

The Digestive Disease Center offers a full range of diagnostic and interventional endoscopy services for inpatients and outpatients experiencing gastrointestinal or pulmonary disease.

The Ortho/Neuro/Spine Program provides education, physical therapy, rehabilitation, drug therapies and surgical intervention programs designed to meet the needs of its orthopedic patients.

The Clinical Nursing Institute at Missouri Baptist has been a valued resource helping to develop expert, compassionate nurses who are passionate about service excellence at Missouri Baptist. Thousands of nurses and other healthcare professionals have participated in courses, workshops or seminars offered at the CNI.

Missouri Baptist Medical Center provides health fairs, screenings and educational programs, which offer wellness and prevention tips to the St. Louis community.

Numerous Missouri Baptist physicians and specialists have provided diagnosis and treatment for hundreds of patients in Missouri and Illinois communities whose hospitals comprise the Missouri Baptist Rural Outreach Program.
From our convenient location at the crossroads of St. Louis County, Missouri Baptist Medical Center has secured a reputation as one of the top hospitals in the area. Thousands of residents from metropolitan St. Louis, Missouri and Illinois, and across the nation choose Missouri Baptist each year for the quality medical services provided here, driven by our mission to improve the health of the communities we serve.

From our humble beginnings in 1884 in the home of Dr. William Mayfield, Missouri Baptist Medical Center has grown into the existing campus located on Ballas Road near the intersection of I-270 and Hwy. 40 (I-64) — a facility licensed for 489 beds, with four adjacent medical office buildings.

With more than 1,372 physicians on staff and more than 2,470 employees, Missouri Baptist provides a full spectrum of medical and surgical services, with specialization in cardiac and vascular services, oncology, ortho/neuro/spine, digestive diseases, and obstetrics.

Missouri Baptist is a member of BJC HealthCare, one of the nation's largest healthcare organizations, employing more than 30,000 individuals in greater St. Louis, southern Illinois and mid-Missouri. Through its network of 14 hospitals and other health-service organizations, BJC provides a full continuum of services.

Since becoming a member of BJC in 1994, Missouri Baptist has further developed key services and witnessed phenomenal growth. In 2021, the hospital provided care for 19,954 inpatient admissions, 36,595 emergency room visits and 10,321 outpatient surgery visits.

Missouri Baptist has consistently ranked as a top Missouri hospital for cardiac surgery and cardiac care, ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the top hospitals in the region, and a member of Heartland Cancer Research, one of 40 consortia granted the prestigious Community Oncology Research Organization (NCORP) designation by the National Cancer Institute.

In 2020, Missouri Baptist Medical Center was named a Magnet® hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) for the second time. The prestigious designation is the highest credential a healthcare organization can receive for nursing excellence and quality patient care. Only about 400 out of nearly 6,000 U.S. hospitals have achieved Magnet recognition.
Welcome to St. Louis, home of the Gateway Arch. The metropolitan area offers a wide variety of cultural and recreational opportunities, and because Missouri Baptist Medical Center sits at the intersection of two of the city’s major highways (I-270 and I-64), you will be 15-20 minutes from almost everything.

St. Louis features more than 20 institutions of higher learning, as well as libraries, museums, professional drama and opera theaters, a dance company and the second-oldest symphony orchestra in the United States.

St. Louis is home to the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team, and the St. Louis Blues hockey team, as well as several minor league teams in a variety of sports.

A more recent world-class attraction, the World Chess Hall of Fame is located in the bustling Central West End neighborhood near Forest Park, and recently hosted the international Grand Chess Tour.

One of the city’s major attractions is Forest Park, the site of the 1904 World’s Fair. In addition to the many athletic and recreational opportunities at the park, Forest Park is home to the St. Louis Zoo, the St. Louis Science Center, the St. Louis Art Museum and the Missouri Historical Society.

Other attractions and events include:

- University City's Delmar Loop
- The Fabulous Fox Theater
- The Pageant
- Missouri Botanical Garden
- Contemporary Art Museum of St. Louis
- St. Louis Art Fair
- The Great Forest Park Balloon Race
- Six Flags – St. Louis
- Grant's Farm