



Past Resident Testimonials

Los Angeles Medical Center





Ivan Chavez, Pharm.D.

2018-2019 PGY-1 Pharmacy Resident

I've had an incredible journey over the last year completing my PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency experience at the Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center. The program initially drew me in with the wide array of learning experiences it had to offer. In the end, the program exceeded my expectations and delivered much more than I would have ever imagined.

The Los Angeles medical center is a tertiary care facility and this unique setting helps set the stage for interesting, unique, and challenging rotation experiences. Each rotation was extremely valuable and memorable; however, the learning experiences are strengthened by all the amazing and top-tier preceptors. You'll have the opportunity to learn and work alongside preceptors who were not only top experts in their fields, but also great educators that help guide you through your career goals.

I think future residents would be most surprised by the unexpected or lesser known experiences that are offered by the program such as the leadership development meetings and the collaboration with Tri-Central Kaiser Permanente pharmacy residents. You'll network with colleagues across various medical centers and make many friends with similar goals and passions. In short, due to the quality of the program and all the people I have had the pleasure to meet along the way, I am grateful to have had carried out my journey as a pharmacy resident here at the Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center.



Hao Dieu, Pharm.D.

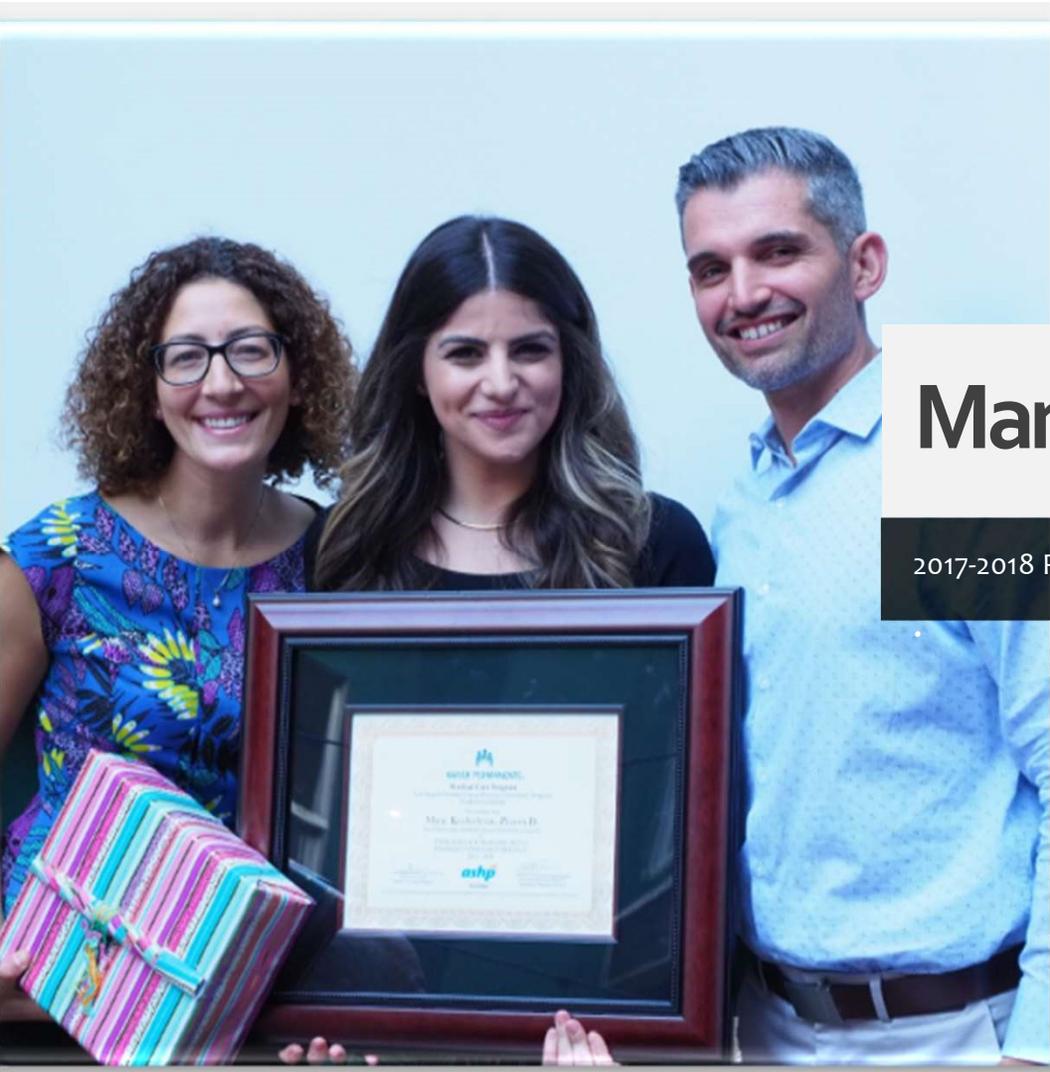
2018-2019 PGY-1 Pharmacy Resident

I had grown into a better clinician thanks to the Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center (LAMC) PGY1 residency program. I came into the residency hoping to solidify my clinical knowledge and I had got more out of the program than what I expected.

The preceptors in the program are exceptional. They taught me not only clinical knowledge but also effective communication and how to think outside the box. They dedicated many hours of their time despite their busy schedule to teach and prepare me to be a successful pharmacist. I gained a lot from each rotation during my residency thanks to these amazing preceptors.

I also enjoyed the opportunity to collaborate with other Kaiser Permanente residents during our monthly and quarterly leadership meetings. These meetings showed me other aspects of pharmacy and leadership that I would not have learned in school. I also had the opportunity to network with the pharmacy leadership team not only in LAMC but also in other medical centers as well.

Overall, it was a challenging, memorable, and incredibly rewarding year for me. I am grateful for all the opportunities that the Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center PGY1 residency program had offered.



Mane Keshishyan, Pharm.D.

2017-2018 PGY-1 Pharmacy Resident

The Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center PGY1 pharmacy residency program significantly advanced my professional and clinical development. I have become a well-rounded pharmacist who is competent in inpatient, home-infusion, and ambulatory care services. My learning experiences have allowed me to feel well-prepared to work in any clinic. One exceptional quality of the program is its long history as the oldest Kaiser Permanente Southern California pharmacy residency. The residency director, coordinator, and many of the preceptors are graduates of the program. This allows for a sense of family and preceptors who are dedicated to the resident's development because they were once in the resident's shoes. The history of the program also ensures that the policies and procedures are well established. Throughout the year, there are always changes to help improve the program but the program has a solid foundation which provides a diverse range of opportunities. The program also has excellent preceptors who are receptive and tailor the experiences to each resident's learning needs. I am grateful for their guidance and support throughout this exceptionally memorable year!



Ruth Madievsky, Pharm.D.

2017-2018 PGY-1 Pharmacy Resident

The Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center provided me with an incredibly rewarding PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency experience. My goals were to attain strong clinical training in both inpatient, ambulatory care, drug information, and administrative arenas, and I feel that the program more than delivered. 3 things in particular make this program stand out:

1. The preceptors – I can't imagine a better group. LAMC's preceptors are great teachers, caring mentors, and kind and approachable people dedicated to ensuring that each resident is able to function independently as a clinical pharmacist by the end of each rotation.
2. The electives – LAMC is an academic, tertiary care center, which allows for several specialty pharmacy electives unavailable elsewhere. HIV, nephrology, and transplant medicine are 3 such electives that provide unique and exciting learning opportunities.
3. Western States – LAMC is dedicated to ensuring that residents undertake a research project that is exciting to them and has the potential to make a clinical impact. If this appeals to you, and if you are interested in publishing your research, LAMC is a great place for you.

I am extremely grateful for the training and mentorship I received as a PGY-1 resident at KP LAMC. I know that I will utilize the skills I've honed this year for the rest of my career.