



Kaiser Permanente Woodland Hills PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. How many resident positions are available?** Two positions are available each year.
- 2. Do you offer a PGY2?** Not currently.
- 3. How many years has the program been established?** The program was established 30 years ago.
- 4. How many residents have completed the program?** Fifty-six residents have completed the program.
- 5. What are the rotations and how long do they last?** Orientation (3 weeks), Acute Care (10 weeks), Drug Use Management (6 weeks), Oncology (6 weeks), Cardiology (6 weeks), and Drug Information Service (lottery by KP SCAL) (3 weeks). Practice Management is a longitudinal core rotation including: Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, Pharmacy student teaching, Residency research project, Journal club presentations.
- 6. What about electives?** Chronic Pain Management (4 weeks), Family Medicine (4 weeks), Geriatrics (4 weeks), Infectious Disease (4 weeks), Nephrology (4 weeks), New Member Program (4 weeks), and Population Care Management (4 weeks). Free Clinic of Simi Valley is a longitudinal community service elective.
- 7. When does the program begin?** The residency year commences June 2024.
- 8. What makes the Kaiser Permanente Woodland Hills residency program different from other programs?** We offer a very well-rounded program in the nation's oldest and largest non-profit, integrated health care system. Our residents are provided with the opportunity to work alongside medical residents and experience caring for patients one-on-one during their ambulatory care rotations. Residents have the unique opportunity of gaining independent hands-on experience managing patient cases, weekly, at the Free Clinic of Simi Valley (FCSV) that provides essential services to those who lack access to traditional sources of care for the duration of their residency year. At the FCSV residents will assume primary care responsibility for a panel of patients with chronic conditions to provide pharmaceutical care, including physical assessment, laboratory testing, prescriptive authority, and patient education and counseling. The FCSV experience allows our residents to provide continuity of care for their patients throughout the year. Our program takes the initiative to aid in the evolution of residents into both skilled clinicians and leaders in the community.
- 9. Do you offer teaching opportunities?** Yes, we offer our residents the opportunity to be co-preceptors when pharmacy students are on rotation. Our residents will complete the APhA Advanced Preceptor Training Certificate that is offered as part of our residency program. Residents discuss health topics with the students and help them prepare journal club and case presentations. In addition, residents are expected to provide "in-service" education and journal clubs to the medicine teams. We currently have regular rotations with students from both the University of Southern California and University of the Pacific.
- 10. How many applicants do you interview?** We will interview 20 applicants for the 2024 - 2025 cohort.
- 11. What are your staffing requirements?** We follow ASHP's standards, which require the resident to become an independent practitioner as they progress through each rotation.