

# Kaiser Permanente San Jose Medical Center PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program



*"This residency will be the best investment of time and effort you will make in your career development"*

## Overview

PGY2 residency programs build upon Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency training to develop pharmacist practitioners with knowledge, skills, and abilities as defined in the educational competency areas, goals, and objectives for advanced practice areas. Residents who successfully complete PGY2 residency programs are prepared for advanced patient care or other specialized positions, and board certification in the advanced practice area, if available.

The Kaiser Permanente San Jose PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program is an ASHP accredited program that offers a variety of opportunities in mental health through comprehensive learning experiences. The program is structured to ensure a meaningful progression in the resident's expertise. Initially, residents work closely with seasoned psychiatric pharmacists to build a robust foundation of knowledge in the field. As the program advances, residents gain increased autonomy to collaborate with psychiatry attendings, psychiatry residents, and medical students. The program's dual exposure to both acute care and ambulatory care settings equips residents with a versatile and well-rounded skill set, preparing them for future careers across a variety of practice settings.

## About Our PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program

**Accreditation Status:** Our PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program is ASHP-accredited

**Program website:** <https://pharmacyresidency.kaiserpermanente.org/job/pgy2-psychiatry-san-jose/>



## Clinical Learning Experiences

Core	Longitudinal	Elective
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orientation (3 weeks)</li> <li>• Drug Use Management (4-6 weeks; Formulary Management)</li> <li>• General Adult Psychiatry (6 weeks; Ambulatory Care)</li> <li>• Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (6 weeks; Ambulatory Care)</li> <li>• Inpatient Behavioral Health Center (6 weeks; Inpatient)</li> <li>• Inpatient Medical Psychiatric Unit (6 weeks, Advanced Inpatient)</li> <li>• Consult Liaison Psychiatry (6 weeks, Advanced Inpatient)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing Medical Education (3 months)</li> <li>• Regional Medication Use Evaluation (3 months)</li> <li>• Management / Leadership Series (12 months)</li> <li>• Project / Research Management (12 months)</li> <li>• Teaching (12 months)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addiction Medicine and Recovery Services (Ambulatory Care)</li> <li>• Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (Ambulatory Care)</li> <li>• Gilroy Pain Clinic (Ambulatory Care)</li> <li>• HIV/Infectious Disease (Ambulatory Care)</li> <li>• Hospice (Ambulatory Care)</li> <li>• Headache Clinic (Ambulatory Care)</li> <li>• Regional Neurology Movement Disorder Service (Ambulatory care)</li> </ul> <p>* Elective learning experiences are 6-week split rotations * All core learning experiences may be repeated as an advanced elective rotation</p>



## Qualifications and Application Requirements

All applicants must meet the following criteria to qualify for acceptance as a Kaiser San Jose PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident:

- Graduate of an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredited college or school of pharmacy or equivalent
- Completion of an American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists (ASHP)-Accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program prior to the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program start date or have equivalent experience approved by ASHP
- Licensed as a Pharmacist in the state of California or licensed as an Intern Pharmacist in the state of California by the start of the residency program
- Residents must be a licensed California pharmacist within 120 days from the program start date. Residents who are not licensed as a pharmacist within 120 days from the program start date will have their term of appointment extended by the number of days the resident is without licensure past the 120-day deadline up to a maximum of 45 days. Failure to obtain a California state pharmacist license within 165 days from the program start date will result in the resident being dismissed from the program and employment will be terminated
- Candidates must be registered in the National Matching Services, Inc. (NMS)
- Candidates must participate in the ASHP Matching Program

## Application Process and Deadline

The following documents are required to complete the application process (please visit <https://pharmacyresidency.kaiserpermanente.org/> for more details):

1. Statement of interest / Letter of intent
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Three letters of recommendations in the PHORCAS application (1 from a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Director)
4. Official copy of a college / school transcript sent directly from the applicant's college / school of pharmacy to PHORCAS (showing graduation date on the transcript)
5. Submission of application by due date as indicated on PHORCAS (Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service: <https://portal.phorcass.org/>)
6. Program NMS Code: 606166
7. ASHP Program Code: 92956
8. **Application Deadline: January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 11:59 pm eastern standard time (EST)**

## Salary and Benefits

- Kaiser Permanente San Jose Medical Center has 2 positions available in the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program.
- The 52-week long PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency will begin approximately on June 29, 2026, and run through approximately June 25, 2027
- Pay rate: ~\$38.20/hour, payroll is every 2 weeks (~\$79,000 annually)
- Health care and other benefits (a listing of the benefits may be found at [www.kaiserpharmacyresidency.org/benefits/](http://www.kaiserpharmacyresidency.org/benefits/))
- Summary of benefits [Page not found - Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy Residency Program](#)
  - 8 days of paid holidays [Page not found - Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy Residency Program](#)
  - At least 19 vacation days per year (may be more if you are already a KP employee)
  - Extended sick leave
  - Insurance includes medical, dental, and optical for employee and family, spouse or domestic partner if applicable
  - Paid educational leave:
    - Kaiser Permanente Consultative and Facilitative Services (CFS) Conference (in preparation for Western States Conference (WSC))
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  - Additional Benefits: Retirement plans, Employee Assistance Program, Domestic Partner Benefits, Flexible and Health Care Spending Accounts, Activity Program (e.g., entertainment ticket, gym membership discounts)
  - Other: individualized workspace (with ergonomic assessment), private voicemail, lab coats, business cards, and copying privileges

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## Virtual Information Sessions

**Tuesday, November 11, 2025**  
**11:00 am to 12:00 pm PST**

**Thursday, December 18, 2025**  
**3:00 pm to 4:00 pm PST**

MS Teams invite links to the virtual residency information sessions  
<https://pharmacyresidency.kaiserpermanente.org/virtual-residency-information-sessions/>  
**Scroll down to: "Psychiatry (San Jose)"**

