

Vanderbilt University Medical Center PGY2 Cardiology Pharmacy Residency

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The purpose of our PGY2 pharmacy residency program is to build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm. D.) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in specialized areas of practice. PGY2 residencies provide residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and incorporating both into the provision of patient care or other advanced practice settings.

Residents who successfully complete an accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency are prepared for advanced patient care, academic or other specialized positions, along with board certification, if available.

Additionally, the purpose of our PGY2 residency in cardiology pharmacy is to transition PGY1 residency graduates from generalist practice to specialized practice that meets the needs of acute care cardiovascular patients.

Clinical Experiences

| Required Rotations | Longitudinal Experiences | Elective Rotations |
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| Orientation | Pharmacy code response | Informatics |
| CVICU – cardiology | CVICU committee member | Medical intensive care |
| CVICU – cardiac surgery | Precept PharmD students from 3 colleges of pharmacy | Trauma |
| Heart failure | | Pediatric intensive care |
| General cardiology | | Emergency medicine |
| Mechanical cardiac support | | Vascular |
| Cardiac transplant | | Electrophysiology |

Projects, Presentations, and Training

| Projects | Presentations | Training |
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| Major research project | 1 hour ACPE-accredited CE | ACLS certification |
| Major process improvement project (usually involving MUE through protocol update) | Pharmacy case conference & journal club | Teaching certificate (optional) |
| Manuscript for publication submission | Pharmacy school course lectures | Cardiovascular core curriculum |
| | ACCP cardiology PRN journal club | |
| | Cardiology fellows conference | |

Staffing and On-Call

- Hospital pharmacy practice is scheduled every 4th weekend (unit-based staffing)
- Staffing or clinical coverage will be required 1 major (2-day combination) and 1 minor holiday
- On-call responsibilities are primarily limited to serving as a back-up for the PGY1 on-call resident on a rotating schedule (no more than every 4 weeks)

Selected Vanderbilt Benefits

- Flex PTO - Relocation expenses directly related to the move (up to \$1,500)
 - Medical, dental, and vision insurance options
- Tennessee board of pharmacy license fee and professional tax coverage
 - Professional liability insurance coverage