Healthcare Quality and Medication Safety Residency/Fellowship
A Collaborative Program:
University of Florida College of Pharmacy and
UF Health Physicians

PURPOSE
The specialized residency/fellowship in healthcare quality and medication safety is a 12-24 month, post-graduate program. The purpose of this program is to prepare the resident for one of several roles, including a clinical faculty position focused in interdisciplinary healthcare quality and safety, for leadership roles in healthcare settings, particularly in areas focusing on medication safety, consultant pharmacy, healthcare internet technology use, or for roles in national organizations focused in safe healthcare practices (e.g. Institute for Safe Medication Practices, Institute for Healthcare Improvement), to name a few. Opportunities in this area are expanding and growing rapidly.

TRAINING SITE and PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The resident’s training takes place in the UF Health Physicians (UFHP) administration department and within over 50 UFHP clinics. In addition, there are numerous opportunities for interaction and experiences with Shands hospital medication safety and overall quality programs. Intertwined within this training are teaching opportunities in College of Pharmacy courses and an Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) Continuous Quality Improvement rotation.

MISSION
The mission of this program is to prepare pharmacists for a career in healthcare quality improvement and medication safety by providing the opportunity to gain important skills and knowledge in this area. These skills include interpreting literature in medication safety and healthcare quality, understanding nuances of quality improvement science and research, understanding national healthcare quality initiatives, and conducting performance improvement projects.

The healthcare quality and medication safety resident will work closely with the mentor and will play a central role in several committees, including the UFHP Clinical Safety Committee, Nursing Practice Council, and the Quality and Safety Committee. The resident will provide vital medication information and safety perspectives. In addition, the resident will function as a licensed consultant pharmacist for the UFHP practices (working directly under the consultant pharmacist of record). In this role, the resident will function to educate clinicians about medication safety and quality of care and provide oversight for medication use practices in the UFHP clinics. In addition, the resident will have some limited clinical responsibilities to better understand and advise clinic operations.

The resident will have an option to complete a second year as a fellowship at the mentor’s discretion. During the fellowship year, the training program will culminate with a large-scale research project or performance improvement project in the area of healthcare quality and safety.
INSTRUCTIONAL COMPONENTS:

SERVICE
- Conducting consultant pharmacist responsibilities for the practices
- Answering clinic and patient-specific drug information requests
- Evaluating drug literature and biostatistics, particularly in healthcare quality, to drive clinical and process improvement
- Working with the Epic EMR team to improve medication ordering and medication reconciliation
- Provide meaningful contributions to the Clinical Safety Committee
- Producing written communications, including contributions to the peer-reviewed literature
- Staff an average of 4 hours per week at the anticoagulation clinic

EDUCATION PROVISION
- Instructing individual students on 4th year pharmacy clerkship students
- Lecturing in various courses and other potential teaching opportunities within the College of Pharmacy
- Teaching assistant in pharmacy skill laboratory for pharmacy students
- Opportunity to complete a Teaching Certificate program offered free of charge by the UF College of Pharmacy

RESEARCH
The resident will conduct a project within the UFHP ambulatory practices, which will provide important data for improving healthcare of patients, and develop research design, statistical analysis, and publication skills of the resident.

STIPEND
The residents will receive a $47,476 stipend paid by the UF College of Pharmacy Department of Pharmacotherapy and Translational Research. The stipend, coupled with the comparatively low cost of living in Gainesville, should ensure a financially sufficient year.

BENEFITS
Assistance with local expenses will be provided for all candidates interviewed. Benefits include:
- Ten days of paid time off
- Nine paid holidays
- Contributory health insurance
- Tuition reimbursement
- Paid life insurance
- Travel allowance for the IHI annual meeting or ASHP midyear meeting
- Complementary consultant pharmacist training program offered by the University of Florida toward licensure.
REQUIREMENTS

Academic: The applicant should have a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from a school or college accredited by ACPE.

Professional Experience: The applicant should have completed a pharmacy practice residency or have strong experience in clinical ambulatory care or hospital pharmacy before enrolling in the advanced residency program.

Interview: An on-site interview with presentation is required.

Non-resident Alien Applicants: To be considered for employment, you must presently have an employment authorization that is valid throughout the residency period.

APPLICATIONS

Any interested pharmacist or pharmacy resident can obtain additional information and all necessary application materials by emailing or writing:

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In order to be considered a candidate, a transcript of the applicant’s grades must be forwarded to Dr. Schentrup by the pharmacy school from which the applicant graduated. In addition, the applicant should send a letter of intent, an application (please obtain from Dr. Schentrup) a current Curriculum Vitae, and letters of recommendation from three professional references. After the application has been completed and reviewed, selected applicants will be contacted to arrange an on-site interview. Applicants are required to complete and return all application materials, including letters of recommendation, by May 30th. Applicants are encouraged to complete their application as soon as possible, as files are reviewed in the order they are completed.

Applicants may contact us at the above e-mail address or by phone to check on the status of their application. Please be sure to inform your references that May 30th is a firm deadline. They may use U.S. Mail, fax, or e-mail to send us their letters of recommendation.