

## PGY2 Critical Care Residency Program



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Prospective Residency Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the PGY2 Critical Care Residency Program at Saint Joseph Hospital! As you begin the process of PGY2 program investigation, I'm sure that Saint Joseph will present an exciting option for your consideration. We offer a challenging environment for prospective residents who enjoy the rounding atmosphere of an academic medical center with the close interpersonal relationships of a community hospital.

At Saint Joseph, clinical pharmacy is an integral part of the medical team. As such, we round on a daily basis with intensivists, physician extenders, nursing, case management, and dietitians. Our rounding model is comprehensive and designed to treat the patient as a whole and go in a "head to toe" fashion. As the drug expert in attendance, clinical pharmacy is responsible for all pharmaceutical care including: pharmacokinetic consults, antimicrobial selection and stewardship, renal dose adjustment, profile review and maintenance, laboratory result interpretation, therapy selection, home medication review, patient and family counseling, electrolyte replacement, and code response. On our team, communication is vital and as the clinical pharmacist, you can expect to be in constant contact with various members of the care team. With our progressive protocols in place, our clinical pharmacists are provided the autonomy to intervene as a matter of policy.

Residents at Saint Joseph are provided a strong foundation with core learning experiences focusing on cardiothoracic surgery, coronary critical care, medical intensive care, neurology intensive care, infectious disease, emergency medicine, and palliative care. Additionally we offer elective learning experiences in the realm of cardiac electrophysiology, as well as advanced selective opportunities in our core learning experiences. We provide this training in the setting of a tradition of excellence as Saint Joseph Hospital has been recognized as one of America's 100 Best Hospitals by Healthgrades placing it in the top 2 percent of hospitals in the country. Additionally, Saint Joseph has been recognized as a top 2 percent facility in the nation for critical care for 3 years in a row. Saint Joseph is also recognized by the Joint Commission as a Gold Seal of Approval facility in the treatment of sepsis.

As a member of CommonSpirit Health™, Saint Joseph Hospital is an Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action employer committed to a diverse and inclusive workforce. All qualified applicants will be considered for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, marital status, parental status, ancestry, veteran status, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Candidates interested in the PGY2 critical care program should submit a pharmacy residency application form along with a personal letter of intent, curriculum vitae, official academic transcripts, and three letters of reference by January 2nd. Upon review of received applications, qualified candidates will be contacted to arrange an interview. Additional information can be obtained at our website regarding this process.

Thank you for your interest in our program at Saint Joseph. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

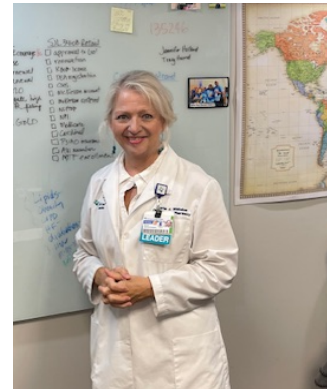
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# Introduction

## SAINT JOSEPH HOSPITAL

As the largest facility in CHI Saint Joseph Health, Saint Joseph Hospital is Lexington's first hospital, a 433-bed acute care and surgical facility, founded in 1877. A wide variety of critical care and specialty services are provided utilizing 50 intensive care unit beds (a 22-bed cardiothoracic vascular unit, a 12-bed coronary/pulmonary care unit, a 6-bed neurology unit, and a 10-bed medical/surgical unit), as well as a 35-bed emergency department. The facility also provides over 150 telemetry beds, including dedicated units for cardiothoracic surgery step down and interventional cardiology care, among others. Pharmacy services are provided in both a centralized and decentralized manner by a variety of specialized pharmacists (staff, clinical, medication reconciliation, informatics, residents) and technical staff. Strong relationships and collaboration with award-winning healthcare professionals are utilized to provide the highest level of patient-centered care.



Marla Whitaker PharmD, Director of Pharmacy at Saint Joseph Hospital

## CHI SAINT JOSEPH HEALTH

CHI Saint Joseph Health is one of the largest and most comprehensive health systems in the Commonwealth of Kentucky consisting of 135 locations in 20 counties, including hospitals, physician groups, clinics, primary care centers, specialty institutes and home health agencies. CHI Saint Joseph Health is part of CommonSpirit Health, a nonprofit, Catholic health system dedicated to advancing health for all people.

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

### Saint Joseph Hospital boasts award-winning care:

- America's 100 Best Hospitals Award in 2023, 2024, and 2025 by Healthgrades; (the only hospital in Kentucky to win the award for 3 years in a row).
- Healthgrades 100 Best Hospitals Award
  - Critical Care (2019 - 2025)
  - Pulmonary Care (2024, 2025)
- Joint Commission certified primary stroke center
- Joint Commission sepsis-certified center
  - first in Kentucky
- IDSA Antimicrobial Stewardship Center of Excellence
  - first in Kentucky
- ASHP Best Practices Award in Health-System Pharmacy

# Program Overview

The PGY2 Critical Care Residency Program at Saint Joseph Hospital is a one year training curriculum focused in a variety of different critical care practice settings. The residency provides goal-oriented practice environments through a variety of experiences in critical care, cardiothoracic surgery, cardiology, infectious disease, and emergency medicine to name a few. Most learning experiences feature a multidisciplinary rounding model where residents refine interdisciplinary teamwork and leadership skills. Graduates of the PGY2 program will possess the skills necessary to be highly competitive for a variety of career opportunities and will also be prepared to obtain specialty board certification.

## QUALIFICATIONS:

- Graduate from an ACPE-accredited school of pharmacy
- Successful completion of an ASHP-accredited PGY1 pharmacy residency
- Eligible for Kentucky pharmacist licensure

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Required application materials and instructions are available on the Saint Joseph Hospital Pharmacy Residency Program website.

Required application materials include:

- Pharmacy Residency Application Form
- Personal Cover Letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Official Academic Transcripts
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- Application Deadline: January 2nd
- National Matching Service Program Code: 719352

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Eric Miller PharmD, Market Director of Pharmacy and Saint Joseph Hospital's 1st Clinical Pharmacist



# Learning Experiences

## CORE LEARNING EXPERIENCES (9)

- Orientation PGY2 (3-5 weeks)
- Palliative Care (5 weeks)
- Cardiothoracic Vascular Unit (5 weeks)
- Critical Care PGY2 (5 weeks)
- Comprehensive Critical Care (5 weeks)
- Neurology/Neurosurgery ICU (5 weeks)
- Emergency Medicine (5 weeks)
- Infectious Disease (5 weeks)
- Comprehensive Site Care- Saint Joseph East (5 weeks)

## ELECTIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES (Select Two: 5 Weeks Each)

- Cardiovascular Critical Care Selective PGY2
- Elective Intensified Infectious Disease
- Cardiac Electrophysiology
- Pulmonology/Critical Care Selective
- Administration

### Resident Benefits:

- Health/Dental/Vision/Life Insurance
- Employer matched retirement
- Full travel expense reimbursement
- ACLS Certification
- Meal discounts
- Free on site, covered parking
- Free Employee Fitness Center
- Embroidered White Coat
- 18 Vacation Days
- 4 Personal Days
- 6 Paid Holidays
- 34 Weekends Off
- All Friday Evenings Off

## LONGITUDINAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES (52 Weeks Duration)

- Inpatient Staffing
- Leadership and Management
- Longitudinal Research Project and Quality Improvement
- Medication Use Evaluation

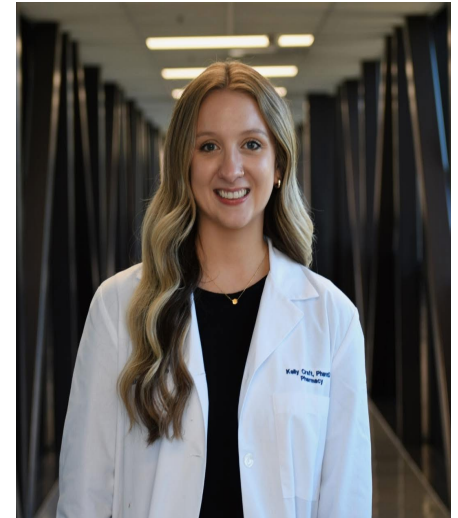
## OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- On-Call Program (rapid response, cardiac arrest, stroke, sepsis)
- Clinical Conference
- Protocol & Policy Development
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Consult Service
- Opiate Stewardship

Program Start Date: July 1st

Program End Date: June 30th the following year

Annual Salary: ~\$58,650



# Learning Experiences (Cont.)

## TEACHING/PRECEPTING:

Residents will be given a variety of teaching opportunities including participation in a certificate of teaching and learning program, weekly clinical conferences, as well as coordinate and lead educational in-services for pharmacy, nursing, and medical staff. Residents will have the opportunity to co-precept pharmacy students from local colleges.

## RESEARCH/CONFERENCES/PUBLICATION:

Residents will complete a clinical based research project including IRB submission, data collection & analysis, poster preparation, and manuscript writing. Residents will attend and present their research at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting. Residents will also have the opportunity to attend the Society of Critical Care Medicine annual meeting.

## PRACTICE MANAGEMENT/COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT:

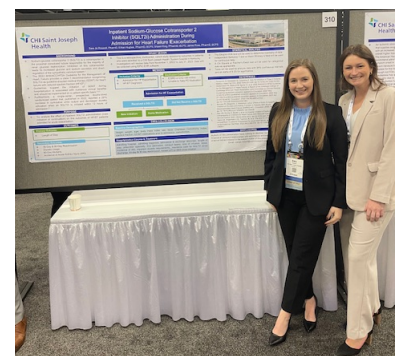
Practice management and administrative skills will be developed longitudinally with residents participating in protocol and policy development, medication use evaluations, quality improvement initiatives, and formulary management. Residents will attend and participate in several committee meeting including but not limited to the pharmacy and therapeutics committee and critical care committee.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Integration into the Lexington community is of the utmost importance to encourage and promote optimal pharmacist/patient and hospital/community relationships desired for complete patient care. Residents are encouraged throughout the year to lead and participate in these community outreach and service leadership events.

## LEXINGTON AREA ACTIVITIES:

Residents are encouraged to explore and experience all that Lexington has to offer. As a growing college town, centrally located in the heart of Kentucky, you don't have to look far for activities to help re-energize and refresh. Whether it's hiking in the nearby Red River Gorge, attending collegiate or professional athletic events, watching the horses run at the Keeneland Race course, or simply enjoying the ever-growing selection of food, wine, and craft drinks in the area, there is something for everyone. The pharmacy department at Saint Joseph has a family atmosphere in almost everything we do. Members of the pharmacy staff regularly get together at social events and outings to decompress and have some fun.







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