

POST GRADUATE YEAR TWO (PGY2)

AMBULATORY CARE RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



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LOCATION: Athens, GA



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PGY2: University of Georgia College of Pharmacy

Pharmacy Interests: Chronic disease state management, teaching, indigent care

What is one piece of advice you have for future PGY2 residents?

Think about your career goals, and find a PGY2 program with strengths and opportunities that match those goals. During your PGY2 year, take advantage of any opportunity that comes your way.

How do you think you have grown since starting the PGY2?

Since the start of the residency, I have felt that my clinical skills and confidence as a healthcare practitioner have grown so much. I feel very comfortable working up and seeing patients on my own in the ambulatory care setting, and I know that by the end of the year I will be more than ready to step into an ambulatory care position. I also have been able to grow in my precepting and teaching abilities so that by the time I graduate I will be very comfortable taking on a precepting and/or teaching role.

Favorite thing about living in Athens, GA?

The food! I also enjoy the large running community I've become a part of and being so close to the North Georgia mountains.

Fun facts: I competed on my college's cross country and indoor/outdoor track and field teams and was the first pharmacy student at my school to do so.

Tell us about your PGY1 experience and how it prepared you for your PGY2:

My PGY1 residency taught me how to become very efficient in many aspects of my life. It also provided me with a large number of teaching opportunities in a variety of settings. I'm also grateful I had the opportunity to early commit to my PGY2 program, which has been a great fit for me. Lastly, my PGY1 residency program provided me with broad learning experiences. This allowed me to better learn what my interests and career goals are (e.g. ambulatory care and teaching), and I truly felt like a confident and competent healthcare practitioner by the completion of my residency.

Recent Significant Projects:

During my PGY2 residency, I am excited to work on a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning research project assessing the impact of a pass-fail grading scale on student motivation. I will also be working on a scoping review, likely on the topic of what factors increase a candidate's likelihood of matching with a pharmacy residency program. I have been involved in a wide variety of teaching opportunities, including a weekly recitation leader, facilitating skills labs, precepting IPPE and APPE students, leading interprofessional groups, several didactic lectures, and facilitating cases. Each opportunity has helped me further develop my teaching skills. I am excited to give an in-service presentation at the Athens VA Clinic this year, as well as a Grand Rounds CE Presentation for the Georgia Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists.

What are your favorite aspects of the PGY2 residency so far?

My favorite aspects of the PGY2 residency program so far are the longitudinal learning experiences and the large number of teaching opportunities. With longitudinal learning experiences, I enjoy being able to get to know my patients and build relationships with them, and it is exciting to see the results of the interventions I implement and be able to follow up on them over a longer period of time. The large number of teaching opportunities allows me to further expand on my teaching skills and become a better teacher. It involves more than just didactic lectures but also other styles of teaching and not just with pharmacy students but also with medical students, nursing students, and social work students as well. I really feel like a part of the faculty at the college of pharmacy and feel that I will be very well prepared to enter into a teaching position post-residency.