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*Additional preceptors are available for other rotations based on residents' areas of interest. The hospital also offers a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program and PGY2 Emergency Medicine Pharmacy Residency Program.*

## ABOUT US

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital (RWJUH) in New Brunswick, an RWJBarnabas Health facility, is an academic medical center whose Centers of Excellence include cardiovascular care from minimally invasive heart surgery to transplantation, cancer care, stroke care, neuroscience, joint replacement, and women's and children's care including The Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital (BMSCH). Nationally ranked as a U.S. News & World Report Best Children's Hospital, BMSCH serves as the focal point of New Brunswick's only academic pediatric health campus, which includes the Rutgers Child Health Institute, PSE&G Children's Specialized Hospital, and Ronald McDonald House. The 105-bed, state-designated, acute care children's hospital is a state-of-the-art facility that is specially designed to care for children. From pediatric surgery, urology and cardiology to oncology, hematology and pulmonology, BMSCH's specialists and intensivists provide advanced care for children of all ages—from fragile newborns to adolescents. The Jack and Sheryl Morris Cancer Center, a collaboration with RWJUH and the Rutgers Cancer Institute, is the only NCI-designated Cancer Center and an innovative leader in advancing cancer care and research. Through its deep partnership with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, RWJUH delivers the highest levels of care in the state and region, serving as a state-accredited Level 1 Trauma Center and a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center, a kidney, pancreas and heart transplantation program, cardiovascular and neuroscience centers of excellence and advanced GI program.



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## Rutgers - Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy PGY2 Medication-Use Safety and Policy Residency



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## MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the program is to develop practitioners capable of serving as experts in medication safety, medication-use policy, formulary management, and drug/medical information practice. Our core mission is to provide the PGY2 MUSP resident with opportunities to:

- Participate in a broad range of medication management experiences with an emphasis in medication safety and medication-use policy including formulary management and implementation, drug shortage management, fostering a culture of safety, evaluating and reporting adverse drug reactions and medication errors, quality improvement, and provision of drug information.
- Develop skills in critical literature evaluation, evidence-based medicine, interdisciplinary committee coordination, pharmacy informatics, and clinical research.
- Enhance leadership and academic skills through co-precepting pharmacy students and delivering didactic education at the School of Pharmacy.

## CURRICULUM

- Required Learning Experiences: Academia & Leadership, CF Clinic, Corporate Pharmacy: Quality & Administration and Medication Safety, Drug Information, Drug Shortages, Medication Safety, Operations/Staffing, Orientation (July), Pharmacy Informatics, QI/Research
- Elective Learning Experiences: Direct Patient Care (i.e., Internal Medicine, Oncology), Investigational Drug Service, Pharmaceutical Industry, Poison Control Center
- Participation in a Residency/Fellowship Teaching and Learning Certificate Program is also available through the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy - Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The PGY2 Medication-Use Safety and Policy Residency program offers advanced training that prepares the resident to assume a leadership role in devising and implementing system changes that improve the safety, efficiency, and appropriateness of the medication-use system and expertise in medication-use policy development and analysis of medication-related information. The resident will be involved in various medication use, safety and quality activities in conjunction with the Rutgers/RWJBarnabas Health Medication-Use Safety and Information Center (MUSIC). While the majority of rotations are completed at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, there are also opportunities for offsite rotations within government, non-profit, and pharmaceutical industry partners. The following outcomes will be achieved:

1. Demonstrate excellence in the provision of education, training, and evidence-based information to health care professionals, learners, and the public.
2. Participate in the management of the organization's formulary and medication-use policies.
3. Participate in the management of drug and supply shortages.
4. Analyze complex systems to identify and correct system flaws.
5. Design and complete a self-directed research project with a focusing on medication safety or medication-use management
6. Develop effective communication techniques and understand the way human factors that impact the safety of patient care.
7. Learn and apply methods to promote a culture of safety.
8. Participate in the application of technologies that improve the medication-use process.
9. Participate and lead committees promoting medication safety and formulary/therapeutic management.
10. Participate in the teaching of drug information and medication-use safety/policy focused content at the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy - Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

## QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants should hold a PharmD degree from an ACPE-accredited school/college of pharmacy, be a licensed pharmacist (or eligible for licensure) in New Jersey, and possess adept communication and interpersonal skills. Completion of an ASHP-accredited (or candidate status) PGY1 Pharmacy residency is required.

The position is available beginning on or about July 1, 2026 for a 12-month appointment.

## APPLICATION

**Inquiries should be sent to:**

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Applicants are required to upload the following to the PhORCAS portal by **January 9, 2026**:

- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Letter of intent
- Three (3) letters of reference

## BENEFITS

PGY2 MUSP residents receive an appointment as a Post-Doctoral Associate with the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administration of the Rutgers - Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy. In addition to a competitive stipend, PGY2 MUSP residents receive a comprehensive benefits package through Rutgers that includes:

- Generous PTO package plus University-designated holidays (excluding the two holidays required for staffing/operations)
- Medical and dental benefits
- Financial support to attend approved conference(s), i.e., ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and a regional conference in the Spring