



Acceptance requirements

- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an accredited school of pharmacy
- California licensure or eligible candidate for California licensure*
- Three letters of recommendation (please see website for further details)
- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- Transcript from a school of pharmacy
- Preliminary telephone interview
- Virtual interview for select candidates

Email application materials to
BSCPharmacyResidency@blueshieldca.com

Residency location: Oakland, CA (currently hybrid virtual model)

Duration of program: July 2024 through June 2025

Application deadline: January 5th, 2024

Stipend: Competitive salary

Benefits:

- Health/dental/vision
- 20 days of personal time off (PTO)
- Ten paid holidays
- One health day off
- Paid professional leave for conferences with travel allowance
- 24 hours of community service time
- 401(k) program with match

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More about our mission

Blue Shield of California, an independent member of the Blue Shield Association, is a nonprofit health plan dedicated to providing Californians with access to high-quality health care at an affordable price. Headquartered in Oakland, our 7,500 employees work together from multiple offices statewide to provide access to quality care at competitive rates. We offer our 4.5 million members a wide range of affordable plans and one of the state's largest networks of healthcare providers, including physicians, hospitals, allied healthcare professionals, and pharmacies. We serve Commercial, Exchange, Medicare, and Medi-Cal populations.



Pharmacy services

Our mission is to provide quality and affordable pharmacy benefits. We are uniquely positioned to accomplish this through the use of integrated pharmacy and medical data to ensure effective coordination of healthcare services for individual patients and patient populations.



Residency website

blueshieldca.com/rxresidency

* The resident must obtain pharmacist licensure from the California State Board of Pharmacy within 90 days of the start of the program. If the resident is unable to obtain licensure by December 31 of the residency year, the resident will be considered for dismissal from the program.

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Managed Care Pharmacy Residency Program





Residency program mission statement

Blue Shield of California's Managed Care Pharmacy Residency Program is designed to prepare residents for a career in managed care pharmacy. The program provides opportunities to develop proficient clinical, project management, analytical, and leadership skills, and is customized based on the resident's professional goals. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are prepared for a variety of clinical pharmacist roles, including drug utilization review, quality assurance and improvement, drug information, and formulary management.

The program provides residents with the training, skills, and experience needed for a successful pharmacy career in today's healthcare environment.



Company achievements and recognitions

- Company culture is dedicated to community service and minority empowerment. In fact, Blue Shield of California has been honored as one of the world's most ethical companies and is recognized as a regional Diversity Leader.
- Established in 2002, Blue Shield of California's PGY1 Managed Care Pharmacy Residency has a proven track record of producing top-notch managed care pharmacists. One of our program goals is resident retention. Of our past 18 residents, 6 still work at the company today!
- Blue Shield of California was certified as a Great Place to Work® in 2020, and we achieved recertification in 2021, 2022, and 2023.



Learning experiences

Orientation

Understand managed care concepts, review residency learning experiences, and develop a yearlong customized residency plan.

Clinical programs – Direct patient care

Provide direct patient care through member and provider outreaches in the Clinical Pharmacy Operations Center (CPOC). Contribute to Commercial, Medicare, and Medi-Cal quality initiatives.

Drug utilization review

Review prior authorization requests, implement coverage policies, and present cases at clinical pharmacist rounds.

Formulary management

Participate in formulary strategy and drug/drug class evaluations, make formulary coverage recommendations, and assess impact. Communicate updates and relevant information to members, providers, and other stakeholders.

Pharmacy and Therapeutics

Review and evaluate the current literature and respond to drug information related questions. Develop therapeutic drug evaluations and medication policies to present at Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee meetings.

Pharmacy accounts and sales/product strategy

Perform or contribute to client presentations, requests for proposals from potential clients, formulary benefit design and disruption analyses, and other ad hoc client inquiries. Understand prescription drug rebates. Participate in end-to-end implementation and evaluation of new and existing pharmacy product strategies across all lines of business, including assessments of feasibility and competitor landscape.

Provider partnerships/Accountable Care Organizations (ACO)

Understand how Blue Shield of California's unique ACO partnerships improve clinical quality outcomes and manage healthcare costs. Participate in clinical program development and strategy planning.

Student precepting

Precept APPE students, coordinate learning experiences and evaluations, and promote professional development.

Analytics and residency project

Conduct a population-based, medication, and/or disease management outcomes study. Understand the basics of pharmacy analytics.

Professional development

Attend professional conferences and networking events. Foster leadership skills and promote pride in the pharmacy profession.