

## PHARMACY INTERN PROGRAM



**MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center** is a not-for-profit, community hospital with 420 beds and a 54 bed Emergency Department. We are a Level II Trauma Center, Comprehensive Stroke Center, have a strong cardiac surgery program through the Heart & Vascular Institute and a prominent Joint Replacement and Spine Center. We currently have a total of 13 pharmacy P2-P4 pharmacy interns. We are looking for **motivated P1 pharmacy students** with an interest in acute care practice to join our pharmacy team. Pharmacy interns work in the central pharmacy, IV room, and pharmacy satellites. Interns will get experience in drug distribution and conducting patient interviews to obtain medication histories. This program builds upon the pharmacy school academic curriculum and provides interns with the opportunity to work side by side with our clinical pharmacists and technicians to gain a strong understanding of their roles in providing patient care in an acute care setting. Many of our former interns pursued a PGY1 acute care residency. Some have gone on to pursue PGY2s or fellowships.

*Other optional and voluntary activities that are outside of the shifts that interns are scheduled to work include:*

- Conduct a scholarly research project (for USC) with a pharmacist mentor.
- Participate in clinical projects/audits for the department
- Lead discussions (journal clubs, disease state review) for the pharmacy staff
- Shadow pharmacists, attend Code Blues (CPR events), and gain limited exposure to clinical services our pharmacists provide for patients.
- Participate in resident-led discussions about the clinical services our pharmacists provide for patients.

### First Year of Internship (P1 & P2)

Interns will be scheduled to complete hospital orientation during the winter break of the P1 year and will start training to drug distribution shifts at that time. During the summer before their P2 year, interns will complete their training of all distribution shifts and will train to work in the IV room. During winter/spring of P2 year, interns will be trained to conduct medication histories for high-risk patients in the Emergency Department and on all units of the adult hospital.

**Interns will gain experience in:**

- Preparing new medication orders and missing medication requests
- Filling and delivering medications to patient cassettes and Automated Dispensing Station cabinets
- Triaging phone calls for pharmacists
- Reconciling controlled substances
- Sterile compounding of IV products in the cleanroom following USP797 regulations
- Conducting thorough medication histories by interviewing patients, caregivers and contacting outside pharmacies

### Second & Third Years of Internship (P3 & P4)

In addition to continuing to work distribution and medication history shifts, During the summer before P3 year, interns will have the opportunity to participate in resident-led discussions regarding the clinical services provided by the pharmacists (pharmacokinetic monitoring for aminoglycosides/vancomycin, anticoagulation monitoring and other clinical activities *(these are optional and voluntary activities)*). Interns may have limited opportunities during off blocks (paid shifts depending on department finances) to attend multidisciplinary team rounds in the ICU and perform clinical duties with the ICU pharmacists.

### Start Date:

- Winter Break – Mandatory in person hospital orientation (will be in our corporate offices in Fountain Valley). Training in the pharmacy will start during Winter Break and continue throughout. You may be scheduled to work on Christmas or New Year's Eve/Day.

### Shift Times:

- Variable shifts including days and evenings. There are variable start times, but most day shifts start at 0700 and evening shifts start at 1500.

### Uniform:

- Pharmacy staff must wear black scrubs. You will be given an allowance by MemorialCare to obtain scrubs at no cost.

### Intern Work Commitment Expectations:

- **Our internship program is a 3.5-year commitment with 2 full summers**
- During school year: **2-3 weekends per month**. Usually every other full weekend (16 hours per 2 week pay period), however some months, interns will be scheduled 3 weekends depending on the department's staffing needs.
- During breaks (winter, spring, and summer break): Up to full time hours.
- Expect to work 2 out of the 3 major holidays/holiday weekends (Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's)
- Requests for days off/vacations must be submitted in advance and are processed along with other pharmacy staff. Depending on staffing needs, not all requests for days off are granted.

### To Apply to Our Intern Program:

Email the information requested below to Wilson Trinh, PharmD. Deadline to submit is Thursday, October 31, 2024, by 6pm.

- Curriculum Vitae (CV) which includes references with contact information, all work experience and undergraduate GPA
  - A letter of intent/cover letter describing why you are pursuing an internship at MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center
- Applicants invited for an interview will be notified by Monday, November 4th.

In your email, please include your first, second and third preference from the following interview dates/times. *These are the only dates we will have interviews. (If you have a scheduling conflict - we may be able to offer a limited number of interview slots during the weekdays (~4-5:30 pm) the week prior, but this will be based on interviewer availability.)*

#### Interview dates/times:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, November 9, 2024, AM (before noon) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, November 10, 2024, AM (before noon) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, November 9, 2024, PM (after noon)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, November 10, 2024, PM (after noon)  |



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