

balls food stores



PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency Positions

About Balls Food Stores

Balls Food Stores is a family-owned supermarket chain local to the Kansas City metropolitan area. It is comprised of 27 supermarkets with 20 pharmacies operating under the banners of Price Chopper, Hen House Market, Sun Fresh, and PayLess Discount Foods as well as Tippin's Pies. The company provides outstanding corporate support for pharmacy services. The resident will work on programs with all 20 pharmacies; however, the resident will be based out of a single location with a primary preceptor on site.

About the Community Residency Position with Balls Food Stores

The Community Pharmacy Residency Program with Balls Food Stores was established in July 2001 in partnership with the University of Missouri-Kansas City, then expanded to second position in 2004 through a partnership with the University of Kansas. A third position was added in 2012 through the University of Kansas. The residency positions have been ASHP-APhA accredited since 2005. The residency spans over a period of 12 months starting at the end of June. The resident will be employed by Balls Food Stores and receives a weekly salary and comprehensive health benefits. Other benefits include one week paid vacation, paid holidays, and travel allowance to attend regional and national meetings or training opportunities. A designated office work area is provided for the resident including a computer, telephone, bookshelf, file cabinet, and desk space as well as a laptop with mobile broadband access. Balls Food Stores precepts APPE students from area schools of pharmacy, allowing the resident to interact with student pharmacists throughout the year. There is also the opportunity for didactic teaching at their associated school of pharmacy as well as the option to complete a teaching certificate program.

Resident Activities

- Employee wellness through the Balls Start Now program
 - Conduct monthly to quarterly coaching visits with 25-50 assigned patients through the diabetes & cardiovascular disease management program
 - Conduct Know Your Risk, Know Your Numbers (KYRKYN) biometric screenings for employees and spouses
 - Facilitate Balls Food Stores employee participation in all Start Now program requirements
- Immunizations including travel health vaccinations and community based immunization clinics
- Medication Therapy Management (MTM) including complete and targeted medication reviews
- Educational programs for the community, other healthcare providers, and future practitioners
- Practice management including development and implementation of programs, marketing, compensation strategies, and managerial functions
- Complete a practice-based research project
- Longitudinal ambulatory care experience opportunities with Pharmacy Practice faculty at the affiliated university



Residency Preceptors

Olathe Hen House Primary Residency Site Preceptor:

Michael Barton, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCGP, earned his degree in 2015 from the University of Missouri Kansas City. Michael is certified in immunization administration and has earned APhA certificates in Cardiovascular Disease Risk Management and Patient-Centered Diabetes Care. Michael is an Adjunct Clinical Instructor at the University of Missouri Kansas City and has a background in both hospital and community pharmacy.

Overland Park Price Chopper Primary Residency Site Preceptor:

Erin Graham, Pharm.D., earned her degree in 2015 from the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. She completed the PGY1 Community Practice Residency with the University of Kansas and Balls Food Stores in 2016 and is currently the pharmacy manager at the primary pharmacy site. She is certified in immunization administration and is passionate about MTM services and community pharmacy management.

Grandview Price Chopper Residency Site Preceptor:

Haley Klassing, Pharm.D. earned her degree in 2014 from the University of Missouri Kansas City. She completed the PGY1 Community-Based Pharmacy Residency with the University of Kansas and Balls Food Stores in 2015 and is currently the pharmacy manager at the primary pharmacy site. Haley is certified in immunization administration and the delivery of Medication Therapy Services.

Balls Food Stores Site Coordinator:

Nikki Schwartze, Pharm.D., BCACP, earned her degree in 2007 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy. She completed a PGY1 Ambulatory Care Residency with an emphasis in Public Health with UMKC and the Kansas City Free Health Clinic (now KC CARE Health Center) in 2008. Dr. Schwartze is now the Employee Health Programs Coordinator for Balls Food Stores. In addition to direct patient care, she has many administrative and management responsibilities for the Balls health plan as well as the pharmacists employed by Balls Food Stores.

Additional Balls Food Stores Preceptors

Michael Halliwell, B.S. Pharm

John Witt, Pharm.D.

Amanda Applegate, Pharm.D., BCACP

Stephanie Dean, Pharm.D.

Maegan Easter, Pharm.D.

Katie Dollar, Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy & Whole Health

Pharmacy Specialist

Clinical Services Coordinator

Pharmacy Specialist

Pharmacy Manager

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Sarah Oprinovich, Pharm.D., BCACP

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Clinical Assistant Professor, UMKC School of Pharmacy

Associate Dean, KU School of Pharmacy

Application and Selection Process

Selection of residents will be based on their community experience, interest in advancing community pharmacy practice, desire to provide direct patient care, and ability to display leadership potential. Residents must be motivated and self-directed individuals. Candidates should submit a completed application including an application form, letter of intent, academic transcript, curriculum vitae, and three completed recommendations to the program director through PhORCAS. Qualified candidates will be invited for an on-site interview and selection will take place through the ASHP Residency Match Program. If needed, contact Michael Halliwell at michael.halliwell@ballsfoods.com for more information.

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