About the Community Residency Positions

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 with a partnership through the University of Kansas. A third position was added for 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 mid-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 and 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 the school of pharmacy, as well as the option to complete a teaching certificate program.

Resident Activities

- Employee Wellness through the Ball's Start Now program
  - Conduct monthly to quarterly coaching visits with 35 to 50 assigned patients through the diabetes & cardiovascular disease management program
  - Conduct Know Your Risk, Know Your Numbers (KYRKYN) biometric screenings
  - 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 programs administered through Outcomes® and Mirixa®
- 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

Residency Preceptors

Primary Residency Site Preceptor:
Emily Prohaska, Pharm.D., BCACP, BCGP, received her degree in 2010 from the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. She completed a PGY1 Residency with an emphasis in Primary Care with Campbell University and the Wilson Community Health Center in Wilson, North Carolina in 2011 and went on to complete a second year Drug Information residency at the University of Kansas Health System in 2012. She is a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist and Board Certified Geriatric Pharmacist, who is also certified in immunization administration, delivering MTM services and pharmacogenomics. Emily serves as an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. She will also be serving as the President of the Kansas Pharmacists Association in 2018.

Primary Residency Site Preceptor:
Katelyn Steele, Pharm.D., BCGP, received her degree in 2014 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 2015 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 outreach. Kate serves as an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy.

Residency Site Preceptor:
Haley Klassing, Pharm.D., received her degree in 2014 from the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Pharmacy. She completed the PGY1 Community Practice Residency with the University of Kansas and Balls Food Stores in 2015 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 outreach.

Additional Balls Food Stores Preceptors

Program Directors
Sarah Oprinovich, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS Clinical Assistant Professor, UMKC School of Pharmacy
Janelle Ruisinger, Pharm.D., FAPhA Clinical Associate Professor, KU School of Pharmacy

Clinical Pharmacy
Michael Halliwell, B.S. Pharm. Director of Pharmacy & Whole Health
John Witt, Pharm.D. Pharmacy Specialist
Amanda Applegate, Pharm.D., BCACP Clinical Pharmacist
Stephanie Dean, Pharm.D. Project Specialist
Maegan Easter, Pharm.D. Pharmacy Manager
Frank Fanizza, Pharm.D. Clinical Pharmacist
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.

Residency positions offered through partnerships with the University of Kansas and the University of Missouri–Kansas City.

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 21 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 21 pharmacies; however, the resident will be based out of a single location with a primary preceptor on site.

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