University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Hospital
Post-Graduate Year 2 (PGY2) Critical Care Residency Program

Purpose Statement

PGY2 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in advanced or specialized practice. PGY2 residencies provide residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and incorporating both into the provision of patient care that improves medication therapy. Residents who successfully complete an accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency should possess competencies that qualify them for clinical pharmacist and/or faculty positions and position them to be eligible for attainment of board certification in the specialized practice area (when board certification for that practice area exists).

Program Description

The PGY2 Residency in Critical Care at UAB Hospital is a one-year program designed to provide extensive experience in a variety of critical care units that will build upon skills developed as a clinical pharmacist during a post-graduate year 1 (PGY1) residency. Its focus is the development of the skills and confidence necessary to independently provide advanced pharmacotherapy management to patients in critical care settings. In addition to qualifying the resident for clinical pharmacy specialist positions in critical care or faculty areas, the successful completion of the program will also prepare the graduate to attain board certification in critical care pharmacy (BCCCP).

Competency Areas required by the ASHP Accreditation Standard for PGY2 Critical Care Residency Programs

Competency Area R1: Patient Care
Competency Area R2: Advancing Practice and Improving Patient Care
Competency Area R3: Leadership and Management
Competency Area R4: Teaching, Education, and Dissemination of Knowledge