

Pharmacy Residency

About MercyOne Genesis Davenport Medical Center

MercyOne Genesis Davenport Medical Center is a 379-bed acute care community hospital in Davenport, Iowa. Located on the Iowa/Illinois border between Chicago and Des Moines, the Quad Cities is a vibrant region known for its rich cultural heritage, thriving arts scene and beautiful riverfront views. With a blend of urban amenities and small-town charm, the Quad Cities offers a high quality of life, excellent educational institutions and a variety of recreational activities. Whether you're exploring the scenic Mississippi River, enjoying local festivals or dining at unique restaurants, there's always something exciting to experience in this welcoming community.

MercyOne Genesis Davenport Medical Center is a prominent regional referral center for Eastern Iowa. As a Level III trauma center, we're equipped to handle complex emergency cases and provide specialized care across a wide range of medical disciplines. Our hospital is Joint Commission-accredited in stroke and orthopedics care, ensuring the highest standards of quality and safety.

Our hospital offers many specialties, including cardiology, general surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, electrophysiology, ENT, gastroenterology, infectious disease, neonatology, nephrology, neurology, OB/GYN, oncology, orthopedics, pediatrics, psychiatry, plastic surgery, pulmonology, urology and vascular care. With an average daily census of over 250 patients, our diverse practice setting provides a robust and dynamic environment that will prepare you for a successful career in pharmacy.



**Join us at MercyOne Genesis
Davenport Medical Center, where
you will gain invaluable experience
to shape your professional future
and contribute to the health and
well-being of our community.**



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Living in the Quad Cities

Located on the banks of the Mississippi River, Davenport is the third largest city in Iowa and boasts a lively city life. As part of the Quad Cities — which includes Bettendorf, Iowa, and Moline, East Moline and Rock Island, Ill. — Davenport provides a rich cultural heritage, diverse recreational opportunities and a high quality of life.



Affordable living: One of the standout features of Davenport is its affordability. The cost of living is well below the national average, making it an attractive option for residents looking for a more economical lifestyle without sacrificing quality. Housing is reasonably priced, and the city offers a variety of friendly and safe neighborhoods.



Recreational activities: The city boasts numerous parks and trails, perfect for outdoor enthusiasts. Duck Creek Parkway and Credit Island Park offer scenic views and activities, such as biking, hiking and birdwatching. The Mississippi River provides opportunities for kayaking, fishing and riverfront strolls.



Family-friendly living and education: The Quad Cities area is an excellent place to raise a family. With a strong sense of community, low crime rates and a variety of family-oriented events and attractions, it offers a welcoming environment for all ages. The region is also home to highly rated public and private schools, as well as several colleges and universities, ensuring access to quality education from early childhood through higher learning. Libraries, community centers and youth sports leagues further enhance the area's appeal for families.



Cultural attractions: Davenport has many cultural attractions. The Figge Art Museum, located downtown, is a premier art exhibition and education facility. The Putnam Museum and Science Center offers fascinating exhibits ranging from ancient Egypt to space exploration. Additionally, the Adler Theatre hosts performances, including Broadway shows, concerts and community events.



Local amenities: Residents can enjoy a lively nightlife with numerous bars, restaurants and entertainment venues. The city also has a thriving music scene, with live performances and festivals throughout the year. For sports fans, Modern Woodmen Park is home to the Quad Cities River Bandits, offering exciting baseball games in a historic stadium.



Community and lifestyle: The Davenport community is known for its friendliness and inclusivity. The city offers a dense suburban feel with a mix of families, young professionals and retirees. The Quad Cities area is also bicycle-friendly, with dedicated bike paths and trails that make commuting and recreational riding enjoyable.

Application and interview process

Candidates need to complete an application through the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS).

Requirements for application:

- Registration with the National Matching Service (NMS)
- Eligible for licensure in the state of Iowa
- Interested candidates should submit the following materials in PhORCAS:
 - Letter of intent
 - Three reference submissions within PhORCAS – There are no specific requirements, but personalized comments are encouraged. Separate letters will not be reviewed.
 - Official transcripts from college of pharmacy (additional transcripts are not required)
 - Curriculum vitae

ASHP accreditation

Our program currently holds pre-candidate status with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). As we embark on our inaugural year, you will have the exciting opportunity to customize your residency experience and actively participate in the ASHP accreditation process. This involvement will not only enrich your training but also provide you with valuable insights and experiences that will be beneficial in your future career. We're committed to achieving full accreditation by the end of the residency year and will be applying for full accreditation on the day our first residents start, ensuring that you receive a high-quality education and training environment.

Curriculum/learning experiences

Our comprehensive 52-week PGY1 pharmacy residency program is designed to equip you with the essential skills and confidence needed for a successful career in any practice setting. No matter where you aspire to work, our program will prepare you for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

- **Dedicated preceptors:** Our team of experienced preceptors is committed to your learning and future success. They will provide personalized mentorship and guidance throughout your residency.
- **Customizable rotation schedule:** We offer a flexible rotation schedule that allows you to tailor your experience to your interests and career goals. You will have the opportunity to choose three elective rotations, enabling you to explore various specialties and develop expertise in areas that align with your aspirations.

Required Rotations (5 weeks):

- Orientation
- Internal Medicine
- Critical Care
- Oncology
- Infectious Disease
- Pharmacy Management and Leadership

Required Longitudinal Rotations:

- Medication Safety
- Informatics
- Ambulatory Care
- Research
- Staffing
- Teaching (teaching certificate program through the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy)

Elective Rotations (5 weeks):

- Cardiology
- Ambulatory Care II
- Internal Medicine II
- Infectious Disease II
- Critical Care II



Schedule

As part of our residency program, you will engage in staffing on an every-other-weekend basis after completing orientation, along with two holidays. This schedule is designed to provide a balanced work-life experience, allowing you ample time to rest and recharge.

Key Benefits

- **No evening or on-call staffing shifts:** Enjoy your evenings and personal time without the need for evening staffing or being on call.
- **Diverse learning experience:** Our split-shift resident staffing model combines clinical and centralized staffing, offering a comprehensive learning environment.
- **Skill development:** Enhance your clinical monitoring skills under the guidance of our experienced clinical preceptors.
- **Operational insight:** Gain valuable experience in the distribution and operational aspects of pharmacy practice.

This structured yet flexible staffing schedule ensures you receive well-rounded training while maintaining a healthy work-life balance. Embrace the opportunity to grow professionally and personally in a supportive and dynamic setting.

Preceptors

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Adam Baird, PharmD, BCPS, Practice Management and Leadership

Tamiko Edwards, PharmD, Pharmacy Practice/Staffing

Alexis Gates, PharmD, Internal Medicine

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