

**Title: Residency programme structure and role in developing clinical practice competencies**

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**Abstract:**

Pharmacy education has evolved in most parts of the world to include a minimum level of clinical competencies. While education can form a good foundation, many types of clinical practice require an additional level of training. Post-graduate pharmacy residency training is designed to build upon knowledge, skills, attitudes and abilities gained from a pharmacy degree program. Models and examples of post-graduate pharmacy residency training will be described, with specific details provided for U.S. and international programs accredited under the ASHP PGY1 and PGY2 Residency Accreditation Standard and the ASHP International Pharmacy Practice Residency Standard. A description of a typical residency program structure will be provided, along with program competencies, goals and objectives. How the residency enhances patient care skills will be described, along with benefits to patients, the organization, and overall advancement of clinical practice.