

# 6TH ANNUAL TENNESSEE RESIDENCY SHOWCASE SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2020

## Considerations and Talking Points for Residency Programs

### Top 10 Desired Outcomes from Candidates:

1. One-on-one or small-group interactions with programs
2. Information about the way interviews will be handled next year
3. Insight on qualities that RPDs are looking for in candidates in the age of COVID
4. Name recognition with programs I'm super interested in
5. Networking with potential co-residents
6. To be more informed on the expectations for candidates for different programs
7. To open my options to other programs within the state that I may not know as well
8. To network with other pharmacy students/pharmacists in the state
9. To see what kinds of questions other candidates are asking/considering in their residency search
10. To see how well my interests match up with the interests of the residency programs at the Showcase

### Specific Requests from Candidates:

- I would like to learn about programs in Tennessee. I know that this sounds vague, but I noticed several programs attending that I might not otherwise look into. I think this is a great opportunity to broaden my field, and possibly learn to love a program I otherwise would not have considered.
- I am looking forward to the educational sessions at the beginning of each day. I often feel like I do not have a lot of direction in my residency search, so I hope that these sessions can provide some guidance and direction.
- I hope to establish a general ranking of programs in the state. This ranking can help me in my search out of state, so that I can look specifically for opportunities that I cannot find in state.
- I hope to establish a set of questions or basis of questions that I can ask various programs. I know that I will have questions specific to each program that I apply for, but I would like to establish a list of questions that I can personally use to evaluate various programs.
- Lastly, I hope to gain comfortability interacting with residency programs. I hope that the more interactions I get, the less my nerves can ruin my interviews.
- Where do most of your PGY1 residents go? (ex: PGY2, job placement)
- Where do most of your residents seek jobs? (acute care setting, community pharmacy, research, academics, etc.)
- On average, how many residents are hired at your institution?
- What does your typical day look like?
- Why did you choose this residency over others?