Requirements

• The applicant must complete an ASHP accredited PGY-1 residency.
• U.S. citizenship is required.
• The applicant must be registered with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists’ Match Program. The only exception would be for early commitment.
• An on-site interview is required for all applicants unless another mode is deemed necessary by Resident Program Director in advance.

Application Requirements

• Application materials must be submitted via PhORCAS by December 31st of 2021
• Complete online application through PhORCAS
• Academic Transcripts including College of Pharmacy
• Curriculum Vitae
• Letter of Intent
• Reference Letters (3) utilizing PhORCAS standardized form
• Sample of written work from PGY-1 residency

General Information

• Duration: 12 months
• Number of Positions: 1
• Starting Date: July 5, 2022
• Model type: Teaching, Tertiary
• Estimated Stipend: $48,617
• Total Beds: 167 acute care & 91 community living center

Benefits

• Competitive stipend
• 4 hours annual leave and 4 hours sick leave per pay period (2 weeks)
• 10 paid holidays per year
• Eligible for federal employee health and life insurance
• Dedicated resident office space
• Free Parking
• Educational leave for the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting OR Pain Management & Palliative Care meeting of choice and Minnesota Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) Meeting(s)
Minneapolis VA Health Care System

MVAHCS is one of the ten largest VA medical centers in the country, serving more than 100,000 veterans in a six-state area of the upper Midwest. Our facility is a teaching hospital affiliated with the College of Pharmacy and School of Medicine at the University of Minnesota, and provides a full range of patient care services with state-of-the-art technology, educational resources, and research. Comprehensive health care is provided through primary care, specialty care, and long-term care in areas of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, neurology, oncology, and geriatrics.

Pharmacy Services

More than 100 pharmacists play a vital role in the delivery of patient care; working as a team with physicians, nurses and other health care practitioners to ensure America’s veterans receive the finest care. Pharmacists routinely interact one-on-one with patients providing consultation and guidance on the use of medications through an independent scope of practice. VA pharmacists fully utilize their skills and knowledge in their daily practice.

Twin Cities, MN

The Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area has a combined population of over 2.4 million. The Twin Cities are nationally recognized for their arts, most notable are the Guthrie Theater, Minnesota Orchestra, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Science Museum and the Walker Art Center. The VA Medical Center is very near both the Mall of America and the airport. Recreational activities span the four seasons and we are home to seven professional sports team: Twins, Vikings, Timberwolves, Lynx, Wild, Minnesota United FC, and St. Paul Saints.

Residency Program Overview

Our program has three PGY-2 residents: one focused in Geriatrics, one focused in Psychiatry, and one focused in Pain Management and Palliative Care. In addition, there are four PGY-1 residents. The post-graduate year one (PGY-1) pharmacy residency program at this facility is one of the first accredited residency programs with over 55 years of continuous accreditation by ASHP.

PGY-2 Pain Management and Palliative Care Overview

Required rotations for the PGY-2 Pain Management and Palliative Care Residency includes 4 weeks of orientation, inpatient acute pain management, addiction recovery services, 8 weeks of palliative care/hospice, twenty weeks in the Comprehensive Pain Center, and 6 weeks of electives. In addition, the resident is involved longitudinally with Primary Care/Opioid Safety team, Palliative Care PLUS/HBPC, Practice Management, Professional services, and Resident Project. The PGY-2 Pain Management and Palliative care resident shares the responsibilities of Chief Resident with the Psychiatric PGY-2 and Geriatrics PGY-2 residents.

Residency Experiences

ACLS/BLS certification, drug information service, in-services, journal club, CE presentations, newsletter editor and contributor, major residency project, and precepting and mentoring pharmacy students and PGY-1 residents.

Required Longitudinal Experiences

- Chief Resident
- Primary Care Pain Management and Opioid Safety
- Project Management/Professionalism
- Professional Services
- Palliative Care PLUS/HBPC

Required Rotational Experiences

- Orientation (4 weeks)
- Palliative Care/Hospice (8 weeks)
- Addiction Recovery Services (4 weeks)
- Inpatient Pain Management (4 weeks)
- Comprehensive Pain Center (20 weeks)

Electives Offered

(select two, 3 weeks each unless specified)

- Academic Detailing (Longitudinal)
- Inpatient Mental Health
- Outpatient Mental Health
- Pain Management Long-Term Care CLC
- Inpatient Traumatic Brain Injury/Stoke