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 College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) Annual Meeting

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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, providing 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 art, most notable are the Guthrie Theater, Minnesota Orchestra, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Science Museum and the Walker Art Center. The Mall of America is minutes from both the airport and the VA Medical Center. Recreational activities span the four seasons and we are home to seven professional sports teams: Twins, Vikings, Timberwolves, Lynx, Wild, Minnesota United FC, and St. Paul Saints.

Residency Program Overview

Our facility 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 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 Psychiatric Overview

The MVAHCS is dedicated to providing comprehensive psychiatric care. Services span a variety of settings, including a locked inpatient psychiatric unit, partial hospitalization program, programming for people experiencing homelessness, and general outpatient services (locally and across all of the community-based outpatient clinics). Additionally, outpatient specialty teams exist for Serious Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorders, Geriatric Psychiatry, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Mood Disorders, and Gender Dysmorphic Disorder. All teams are interprofessional and include disciplines of nursing, pharmacy, psychiatry, psychology, and social work; certain teams also have members from vocational rehabilitation, occupational therapy, recreational therapy, and peer support.

The PGY-2 psychiatric resident shares the responsibilities of Chief Resident with the other PGY-2 residents. The PGY-2 psychiatric resident is highly involved in precepting, mentoring, and facilitating the professional development of the PGY-1 residents over the year.

Required Learning Experiences

• Orientation (6 weeks)
• Serious Mental Illness (2 blocks: 5 weeks & 2 weeks)
• Addiction Recovery Services (5 weeks)
• Inpatient Psychiatry (6 weeks)
• Telepsychiatry (4 weeks)
• PTSD (4 weeks)
• Geriatric Psychiatry (4 weeks)

Required Longitudinal Experiences

• Serious Mental Illness
• Chief Resident
• Leadership, Quality & Management
• Research & Project Management
• Professional Service
• Staffing

Elective Learning Experiences

• Academia
• Academic Detailing
• Pain Management
• Inpatient Psychiatric Consult Liaison
• Research
• Other elective rotations are available based on the residents interests

From left to right: Julia Buteyn, Amanda Mueller, and Annie Hertel