PGY1 Pharmacy Residency
Rotation Information for Residency Candidates

**Required Rotations**
- Pharmacy Orientation (4 weeks)
- Introduction to Inpatient Staffing (4 weeks)
- Internal Medicine I (4 weeks)
- Internal Medicine II or Critical Care I (4 weeks)
- Anticoagulation Clinic (4 weeks)
- Primary Care I (8 weeks)
  - Consists of Primary Care at Dorn 4 days a week and
  - Choice of Introduction to Community-Based
    Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) or Introduction to Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC) 1 day a week
- Four Electives (4 weeks each)

**Required Longitudinal Learning Experiences**
- Outpatient Pharmacy Staffing
  - One weekend every 3 to 4 weeks
  - One Friday evening every 3 to 4 weeks
  - One major and 2 to 3 minor holidays
- Pharmacy Administration
- Clinical Research
- Medication Use Evaluation
- Clinical Teaching Certificate Program

**Required Activities**
- Research Presentations
  - ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, Dorn VA Research
    Day, Regional Residency Research Conference
- Other Presentations
  - CE programs, Didactic lectures
- Drug Information and Consult Review/Completion
- ADR/Medication Error Monitoring and Reporting

**Elective Rotations**
(4 weeks each)
- Academic Detailing
- Cardiology
- Clinical Administration
- Critical Care I (if not chosen as a required rotation)
- Critical Care II (Medicine and Surgery)
- Emergency Medicine
- Endocrinology/Diabetes Transitions of Care
- Geriatrics: HBPC
- GI/Hepatology
- Infectious Disease/Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Informatics
- Internal Medicine II (if not chosen as a required rotation)
- Internal Medicine III
- Oncology I
- Oncology II
- Pain Management
- Pharmacoepidemiology
- Primary Care II: CBOC
- Primary Care II: Dorn
- Psychiatry I-Inpatient
- Psychiatry II-Outpatient
- Renal

**Elective Activities**
- Participation with specialty clinic services (e.g., patient education groups)
- Up to 16 weeks can be allowed in any specific area

*all electives are subject to preceptor availability*
Columbia VA HCS PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program

About the Residency Program
The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency program at the Columbia VA Health Care System (HCS) is a 12-month program based at the Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia, SC that offers comprehensive training with a goal of producing well-rounded clinical pharmacists who, when finished, are well prepared to enter the role of a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist or pursue a specialized PGY2 residency program. Residents will focus on pharmacotherapy management in both inpatient and outpatient practice areas by participating in various pharmacy-run clinics and services. Additional practice components include: pharmacy administration and practice management, pharmacy operations, informatics, research, medication safety reporting, and participation in multidisciplinary committees such as Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM).

This program utilizes a flipped research model. At the beginning of residency, residents will complete an IRB-approved project, which will be presented as a poster at a national and/or local conference as well as formally presented at a regional residency conference; a manuscript suitable for publication will also be written from this project. The resident will then begin working on a new project in January and complete the IRB process.

Residents will have teaching responsibilities to patients, students, and pharmacy staff along with other hospital staff through various in-services and patient education classes. Residents are required to participate in the University of South Carolina (UofSC) College of Pharmacy Clinical Teaching Certificate program in which they will precept students and will have the opportunity to teach and/or assist with various classes at the college.

The Columbia VA HCS also has two PGY2 residency programs: Ambulatory Care and Psychiatry. PGY1 residents will work with these residents and the opportunity to early commit to these programs is available. Other benefits include: health insurance, free lab coats and on-site parking, 10 paid holidays, and a total of 4 weeks of paid leave. Residents can be licensed in any state.

The start date is approximately July 1st. Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment, such as US citizenship. Appointment is also contingent upon satisfactory completion of pre-employment screening to include a physical exam and drug test.

About the Columbia VA Health Care System
The Columbia VA Health Care System is comprised of the Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia, SC and seven community-based outpatient clinics throughout the state. The system provides comprehensive health care to more than 80,000 veterans and conducts over 1 million outpatient visits each year.

The Dorn VA Medical Center is a 200-bed teaching facility with an average daily census of 130 acute and extended care patients. At the hospital, many specialty services are provided including: cardiac, oncologic, and psychiatric services; many types of surgery are performed; and four long-term care units and one hospice unit are housed and operated.

The hospital is affiliated with the UofSC School of Medicine, which shares its campus with the hospital. The Pharmacy Service has affiliations with Colleges of Pharmacy at the UofSC, South University, and Presbyterian College.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 28

Application and Interview Information

Application Requirements:
• In PhORCAS:
  o Curriculum Vitae
  o Letter of intent
  o Three (3) letters of recommendation
  o College transcripts
• Pharmacy degree from an ACPE accredited program
• US citizenship required

Interview Requirements:
• Interview required (format TBD)
• Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than January 20

Number of Positions: 3
Stipend: approx. $41,000
Start Date: approx. July 1

This residency program participates in the National Matching System and PhORCAS for the application process. This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

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