

PGY 1 Pharmacy Residency Program

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Objective and Overview

This American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) Accredited PGY1 pharmacy residency is designed to build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, eligible for board certification, and eligible for postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency training.

Residents will have experiences in a wide variety of clinical settings including ambulatory clinics, acute care wards, long-term care and palliative care. They will be actively involved in a variety of administrative experiences including medication safety, policy updates, performing medication use evaluations, review of non-formulary medication requests, pharmacoconomics and other administrative opportunities to further understanding of pharmacy's role in the healthcare system. Additionally, residents are encouraged to contribute to the pharmacotherapy literature by conducting an original project and publishing articles as well as conduct quality improvement processes in our health care system.

Accreditation

ASHP Accredited since 1985 (Gainesville) and ASHP Accredited since 2007 (Lake City)

Facilities for PGY1 Programs

With having two accredited PGY1 programs within our healthcare system, both the Gainesville and Lake City VA Medical Centers are widely utilized for the residency programs. The two facilities are approximately 40 miles apart and both provide extensive clinical pharmacy services.

The Malcom Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville has 230 acute care beds as well as many primary care and specialty ambulatory care clinics. Acute care services are provided by several Internal Medicine

teams where pharmacists participate in patient care rounds, therapeutic drug monitoring and are actively involved in transitions of care through the discharge process. Pharmacists also provide clinical services to patients in the Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU), Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SICU), Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit (CTICU), and General Surgery as well as infectious disease through antimicrobial stewardship and clinical rounding with the infectious disease team.

Located within the Gainesville VA, there are multiple primary care teams utilizing the PACT model of care with pharmacists serving as providers and managing patients for a variety of disease states including diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, smoking cessation and other disease states based on the needs of the patient and PACT team. Specialty clinics and pharmacist run disease state management clinics are also utilized for resident learning experiences.

The VA Medical Center in Lake City, also part of the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, provides training in long-term care, PACT, palliative care, internal medicine, telemetry/critical care and has other electives available. This facility has 50 acute care beds and 120 long-term care beds. Pharmacists provide clinical services in each of these areas in the same manner as they do at the Malcom Randall VAMC.

The North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System also has outpatient clinics in Jacksonville, Tallahassee and The Villages as well as a number of community based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) that are utilized for additional residency experiences. The residents in the Gainesville based PGY1 program will utilize the Villages Outpatient Clinic as their primary site for their rotation in the PACT clinics.

Required and Elective Experiences

During the course of the year, residents will be required to have certain clinical and administrative experiences. These include orientation, primary care (PACT), anticoagulation, internal medicine teams, pain management/palliative care, community living center, administration as well as longitudinal experiences in practice management, project management and pharmacy administration. A clinical teaching certificate program is required for all PGY1 residents and is available for PGY2 residents.

There are multiple elective experiences available including infectious diseases, oncology, cardiology/heart failure clinic, emergency department, pain management, intensive care and several different opportunities in psychiatric pharmacy. Some electives may also be completed as longitudinal experiences

Eligibility

Applicants should have a Pharm.D. from an ACPE accredited college of pharmacy and must be a United States citizen. Applicants selected for the residency program will be expected to be licensed by the start of residency training or shortly thereafter with licensure being required within 90 days of the start of the

residency program unless prior arrangements have been approved through the residency advisory committee.

Application Requirements

Applications for this program will be accepted through the PhORCAS online application system with the application deadline being the first Friday in January. You will be required to submit pharmacy school transcripts, three letters of recommendation, your curriculum vitae and a letter of intent.