

**Phoenix VA Health Care System  
Clinical Pharmacy Section 119  
Phoenix, Arizona**

**PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Application Process**

The PVAHCS PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Application must be completed through the PhORCAS Service at <http://www.ashp.org/phorcas>.

**Applications must be received by January 1.**

Please review the following application requirements prior to completing/submitting applications:

- I. **Essay** (this replaces a formal letter of intent)
  - a. Answer ONE of the following questions in 500 words or less for your response
    - i. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
    - ii. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
    - iii. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- II. **Curriculum Vitae**, which should include the following information:
  - a. Pertinent educational experiences, including brief descriptions of clerkships/APPEs, clinical activities and projects/presentations.
  - b. Work experiences with a description of hours worked during the summer and/or school year.
  - c. Extra-curricular activities, membership and/or leadership in professional organizations, publications and research in which you have participated.
- III. **Recommendations / References**
  - a. Three completed PhORCAS Reference forms are required
  - b. No formal letters should be included

All correspondence and questions can be sent to:

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