Program Overview

Since 1953, the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System (VAAAHS) has provided high quality, cost-effective, tertiary care to Veterans residing in southeastern Michigan and northwestern Ohio. The main campus located in Ann Arbor serves as a teaching hospital and referral center for specialty care, operating 102 acute care beds and 40 Community Living Center (extended care) beds. More than 89,000 Veterans utilized the VAAAHS in fiscal year 2020.

The purpose of the VAAAHS PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program is to build on the Doctor of Pharmacy 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 (PGY-2) pharmacy residency training.

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)-accredited PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program at VAAAHS provides residents with an exceptional opportunity to progressively develop their clinical skills and become pharmacy practice leaders. The program provides a balanced set of inpatient and outpatient learning experiences with additional opportunities in education, research, and administration. The VAAAHS offers flexibility to accommodate personal and professional goals when creating the curriculum for each resident. In addition to pharmacy practice training, pharmacy residents receive a clinical instructor appointment with the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy and have the option to participate in a teaching certificate program.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Number of positions: 5
Deadline for application: December 30, 2022
Residency start date: July 1, 2023
Estimated stipend: $45,835

REQUIREMENTS

- U.S. citizenship
- Eligibility for VA employment
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE-accredited school of pharmacy
- Pharmacy licensure in the U.S. or District of Columbia within 45 days from the start of the residency program

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Submit materials via PHORCAS and participate in the ASHP Match
- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official pharmacy school transcript
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ELECTIVE ROTATIONS
• Acute Inpatient Mental Health
• Cardiology
• Emergency Medicine
• Endocrinology
• Geriatrics
• Hematology/Oncology and Palliative Care
• Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)
• Informatics
• Intensive Primary Care
• Internal Medicine
• Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU)
• Nephrology
• Outpatient Psychiatry
• Pain Management
• Rheumatology
• Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SICU)
• Potential electives at the University of Michigan (Michigan license required) and National Center for Patient Safety (NCPS)

BENEFITS
• Health insurance
• 11 paid federal holidays
• 13 accrued vacation/annual leave days
• 13 accrued sick days
• Professional leave to attend meetings and educational conferences
• Clinical instructor appointment with the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy

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