

# Columbia VA Health Care System

## PGY1 PHARMACY RESIDENCY

### Rotation Information for Residency Candidates

#### Required Rotations

- **Pharmacy Orientation** (4 weeks)
- **Introduction to Inpatient Staffing and Clinical Administration** (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)<sup>‡</sup>
  - 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

- **Clinical Teaching Certificate Program**
- **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
- **Medication Use Evaluation**
- **Pharmacy Practice Management and Leadership**
- **Research**

#### 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<sup>†</sup>
- Antimicrobial Stewardship/Infectious Disease
- Cardiology<sup>†</sup>
- Clinical Administration
- Critical Care I (if not chosen as a required rotation)
- Critical Care II (Medicine and Surgery)
- Emergency Medicine<sup>†</sup>
- Endocrinology/Diabetes Transitions of Care<sup>†</sup>
- Geriatrics: Community Living Center (CLC)<sup>†</sup>
- Geriatrics: HBPC
- GI/Hepatology
- Informatics
- Internal Medicine II (if not chosen as a required rotation)
- Internal Medicine III
- Nephrology
- Oncology I
- Oncology II
- Pain Management<sup>†</sup>
- Pharmacoeconomics<sup>†</sup>
- Primary Care II: CBOC
- Primary Care II: Dorn
- Psychiatry: Inpatient
- Psychiatry: Outpatient

<sup>‡</sup>format of Primary Care experience may change  
<sup>\*</sup>all electives are subject to preceptor availability  
<sup>†</sup>elective not currently available for 2022-23 year

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# 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 specialized PGY2 residency training. The program's required rotations are well-balanced between inpatient and outpatient settings, but residents can customize their year with the multitude of available elective rotations. Additional requirements include: practice management and pharmacy leadership, pharmacy operations, research, medication safety reporting, and participation in multidisciplinary committees such as Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM).

Residents are required to complete a research and/or quality improvement project and complete the IRB process. Projects will be presented as a poster at a national (ASHP Midyear, National VA Residency) and/or local (Dorn Research Day) conference as well as formally presented at a regional residency conference (Southeastern Residency Conference or Asheville VA Resident Research Conference). A manuscript suitable for publication will also be written from this project but actual publication is optional.

Residents have teaching responsibilities to patients, students, and pharmacy and hospital staff through various in-services and patient education classes. PGY1 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, engage in various teaching activities, and can become an Affiliate faculty member with the college.

The Columbia VA HCS currently has one PGY2 residency program: Ambulatory Care. PGY1 residents will work with the resident(s) in this program in various capacities throughout the year and may have the opportunity to early commit to the PGY2 AmCare program. Benefits include medical insurance (residents are not eligible for optional dental or vision insurance), free uniforms and on-site parking, 11 paid holidays, and accrual of a total of 4 weeks of vacation and sick 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 where 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 medical center is affiliated and shares its campus with the UofSC School of Medicine. The Pharmacy Service has affiliations with colleges of Pharmacy at the UofSC, South University, and Presbyterian College.

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## APPLICATION DEADLINE: **December 28**

### Application and Interview Information

#### Application Requirements:

- In PhORCAS:
  - Curriculum Vitae
  - Letter of intent
  - Three (3) letters of recommendation
  - 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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