



# New Mexico VA Health Care

# PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency program has been ASHP-accredited since 1986. Four residency positions are available on an annual basis. Over 25 qualified preceptors with prescribing privileges provide teaching and mentoring to our pharmacy residents in a variety of training areas.

A resident completing our program will be a highly skilled practitioner able to provide direct patient care in both inpatient and outpatient settings. The practitioner will be competent in patient-centered pharmaceutical care for acute care and ambulatory patient populations, which includes being knowledgeable in pharmacy operational services. The resident receiving a certificate will be prepared to accept any patient care pharmacy position, especially within the Veterans Affairs Health Care System.

**Location:** Albuquerque, NM  
**Number of positions:** 4  
**Salary:** \$42,170



## RESIDENCY STRUCTURE

\* Rotations are 5 weeks long

### Required Rotations

- Orientation (6 weeks)
- Ambulatory Primary Care
- Acute Care General Medicine
- Acute Care Selective  
(Acute Care Selective rotations may also be taken as Electives)
  - Critical Care
  - Infectious Diseases
  - Emergency Medicine
  - Surgery
- Practice Management

### Elective Rotations

- Critical Care
- Emergency Medicine
- Home-Based Primary Care
- Infectious Diseases
- Hematology/Oncology
- Pain Management
- Population Health
- Psychiatry
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Surgery
- Additional electives may be developed

### Longitudinal Rotations

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residency Project<br/><small>(on-site IRB available)</small></li> <li>• Journal Club</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medication Use Evaluation</li> <li>• Pharmacy Newsletter</li> <li>• Student Conferences</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pharmacy Operations<br/><small>("Staffing"- every 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and one 4-hour evening shift every other week)</small></li> <li>• Prior Authorization Reviews</li> </ul> |
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## EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

July Orientation	August – December	January - June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facility/Pharmacy Orientation</li> <li>• Residency Orientation</li> <li>• Pharmacy Operations Training</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Longitudinal</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start Research Project</li> <li>• Start Journal Club</li> <li>• Chief Resident</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Internal Medicine</li> <li>• Ambulatory Care</li> <li>• Anticoagulation</li> <li>• Midyear Meeting</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Longitudinal</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start Pharmacy Operations Staffing</li> <li>• Start Teaching/ Education</li> <li>• Start MUE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical Care</li> <li>• Population Health</li> <li>• Infectious Diseases</li> <li>• Home-Based Primary Care</li> <li>• Regional Residency Conference</li> <li>• Outpatient Psychiatry</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Longitudinal</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start Teaching/ Education</li> </ul>

## DIRECT PATIENT CARE OPPORTUNITIES

### Inpatient/Acute Care Populations

- ✓ General Medicine
- ✓ Critical Care
- ✓ Infectious Diseases
- ✓ Acute Psychiatry
- ✓ Spinal Cord Injury
- ✓ Emergency Department

*Activities in these areas include multidisciplinary team rounds; drug information; drug therapy monitoring; anticoagulation; disease state education; participation in emergencies/ codes; and pharmacokinetic consultations.*

### Outpatient/Ambulatory Care Populations

- ✓ Chronic disease state management (dyslipidemia, hypertension, smoking cessation, diabetes, heart failure) through integration in various primary care setting
- ✓ Spinal Cord Injury
- ✓ Anticoagulation
- ✓ Pain Management
- ✓ Outpatient Parenteral Antibiotic Therapy
- ✓ Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)
- ✓ Hematology/Oncology
- ✓ Outpatient Psychiatry

*Activities in these areas include patient interviews; physical assessment; medication therapy management; and medication reviews.*

## OTHER RESIDENCY ACTIVITIES

Additional opportunities and activities that will occur throughout the residency include:

- Mentor Program
- Professional and Personal Development Series
- Professional Conferences/Meetings
- Teaching Certificate Program *(optional)*

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Must be a United States citizen and have graduated from an American Council for Pharmaceutical Education-accredited College or School of Pharmacy. Pharmacy residents are required to become licensed, but they can be licensed in any of the United States.

Hired residents will need to provide documentation of a physical, hepatitis B vaccination, influenza vaccination, COVID vaccination, and TB screening upon acceptance of the residency position.



## FACILITY INFORMATION

The New Mexico VA Health Care System (NMVAHCS) is comprised of the Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center and state-wide Community-Based Outpatient clinics.

The Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center is a Level 1 tertiary referral center with a 24-hour Emergency Room located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the heart of the Land of Enchantment. The medical center is authorized to operate 310 beds, which include acute hospital beds and an extended care facility. Primary Care is provided through the Patient Aligned Care Teams and the Home-Based Primary Care program.

The medical center has an academic affiliation with the University of New Mexico and the Central New Mexico Community College.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must participate in the ASHP Matching Service and the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS).

### **Application materials**

- ✓ PhORCAS Application
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae
- ✓ Letter of Intent
- ✓ Official Transcripts *GPA >3.0 preferred*
- ✓ Three Letters of Recommendation  
*At least one from a clinical preceptor and one from a supervisor*

**Application Deadline: December 31**

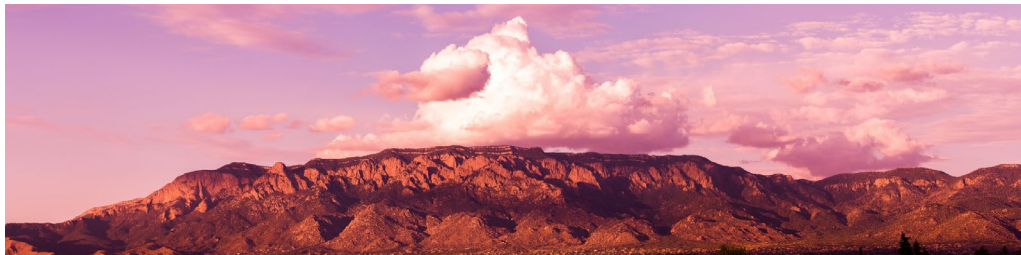
## BENEFITS

- Competitive stipend
- Health insurance available
- 13 days of accrued annual leave and 13 days of accrued sick leave
- 11 paid holidays
- Educational leave to attend meetings and conferences
- Residents' office with individual computer and desk
- Virtual and physical library accessible on- and off-site
- Remote access

## WHY ALBUQUERQUE?

Albuquerque is located in the heart of the Land of Enchantment with mild winters and pleasant summers. Year-round golf and tennis, museums, fiestas, theaters, fine dining, music, sports, and numerous cultural activities make the high desert city full of exciting attractions and events. A ride up the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway puts you atop the Sandia Mountains where you can look over 15,000 square miles of magical landscape. To the west, the Rio Grande meanders through a cottonwood-lined valley, below dormant volcanoes silhouetted against the fiery red sunsets. Outdoor activities are vast with over 400 miles of bike paths and trails, skiing, mountain climbing, fishing, hunting, and more.

**Come and discover the Land of Enchantment!**



**For further information or questions:**

<https://www.albuquerque.va.gov/careers/Residency.asp>

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