

# Columbia

VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

## PGY2 AMBULATORY CARE RESIDENCY Rotation Information for Residency Candidates

### Required Rotations

- **PGY2 Ambulatory Care Orientation** (*up to 3 weeks*)
- **Pharmacoeconomics** (*4-6 weeks, 3 days per week*)
- **Primary Care** (*4-6 weeks, 3 days per week*)
- **Four Pharmacotherapy Clinics\*** (*4-6 weeks, 3 days per week*)
  - GI/Hepatology
  - Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC)
  - Nephrology
  - Oncology
  - Pain Management
  - Psychiatry: Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP)
  - Psychiatry: Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI)

### Required Longitudinal Learning Experiences

- **Anticoagulation Clinic** (*24 weeks, 1 day per week*)
- **Clinical Administration**
- **Duty Hour Tracking**
- **Pharmacy Staffing**
  - Up to one weekend every 3 weeks
  - Up to 3 holidays
- **Process Improvement**
- **Teaching Experience-Advanced**
- **Tobacco Treatment Group** (*24 weeks, 1 day per week*)

### Required Activities

- **Project Presentations**
  - Process Improvement Committee, Columbia VA Research Day, Regional Residency Research Conference
- **Other Presentations**
  - CE programs, Didactic lectures
- **Medication Event Reporting**
- **Medical Emergency Training**
  - BLS certification
- **Residency Recruitment**

### Elective Rotations\*

- **Advanced Pharmacy Administration** (*24 weeks, 1 day per week*)
- **Subspecialty Clinical Pharmacy** (*length/frequency based on resident specific goals*)
  - Cardiology
  - Neurology
  - Rheumatology
- **Substance Use Disorder** (*24 weeks, 1 day per week*)

*\*all elective rotations are subject to preceptor availability and additional elective rotations may be become available or be developed based on resident interest*

**For additional information about the PGY2 Ambulatory Care residency program at the Columbia VA, contact:**

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# Columbia, SC VA PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Program

## About the Residency Program

The PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency program at the Columbia VA Health Care System (Columbia VA) is a 12-month program, based at the Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia, SC, specializing in the VA patient population. Practice components include pharmacy-run clinics, clinical interventions, formulary management, drug-use policy development, process improvement, medication event reporting, drug-use evaluation, and participation in Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM) and other multidisciplinary committees. **No prior VA experience is required.**

Residents have ongoing teaching responsibilities to patients, pharmacy, and hospital staff. Residents will work with PGY1 residents in various capacities throughout the year. Residents may choose to participate in the Clinical Teaching Certificate (CTC) provided by the University of South Carolina (USC) College of Pharmacy, which is a longitudinal experience in which they will precept students, engage in various teaching activities, and can become an Affiliate faculty member with the college. Residents may have the opportunity to teach didactic lectures at an area College of Pharmacy regardless of participation in the CTC program.

Residents are required to complete an AmCare focused process improvement project, which will be presented at our facility Process Improvement Committee meetings as well as a regional residency conference. Projects will also be presented as a poster at a national and/or local conference and a manuscript suitable for publication will be written but actual publication is optional.

The start date is approximately July 1st. Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment, such as U.S. citizenship. Appointment is also contingent upon satisfactory completion of pre-employment screening to include a physical exam and drug test. **Residents can be licensed in any state and must maintain an active license throughout the program.**

Benefits include medical insurance including optional dental and vision, free uniforms and on-site parking, 11 paid holidays, and accrual of a total of 26 days of vacation and sick leave.

## 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 135-bed teaching facility with an average daily census of 65 acute and extended care patients. The medical center is affiliated and shares its campus with the USC School of Medicine. The Pharmacy Service has affiliations with colleges of Pharmacy at USC, South University, and Presbyterian College.

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## **APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### 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
- United States citizenship
- Anticipated or successful completion of a PGY1 residency (*certificate, statement, or letter of reference from PGY1 RPD required*)

#### Interview Requirements:

- Interview via WebEx required
- Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than **January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Number of Positions: 1

Stipend: approx. \$50,500

Start Date: approx. July 1<sup>st</sup>

*The 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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