

Battle Creek VA Medical Center PGY-2 Residency

Psychiatric Pharmacy



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Program Description

This ASHP-accredited PGY2 psychiatric pharmacy residency program is designed to develop accountability; practice patterns; habits; and expert knowledge, skills, attitudes, and abilities in the respective advanced area of psychiatric pharmacy practice. A resident who successfully completes this PGY2 residency should possess competencies that enable attainment of board certification in psychiatric pharmacy.

The PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy resident will participate in many of the facility’s mental health treatment services, including inpatient, residential, and outpatient mental health care. They will be responsible for psychotropic medication management across a variety of disease states including mood and anxiety disorders, schizophrenia, PTSD, substance use, pain management, and geriatric psychiatry. Additionally, the psychiatric pharmacy resident will participate in formulary and pharmacy management and quality improvement projects.

Our PGY2 psychiatric pharmacy residency builds upon the broad-based competencies achieved in a specialized or general PGY1 residency, deepening the resident's ability to provide care in the most complex of cases or in the support of care through practice leadership. Therefore, the PGY2 residency will provide residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners in a variety of mental health settings by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge into improved medication therapy for patients.

This program joins our well established, two PGY1 residency positions with emphasis on ambulatory care and the PGY2 resident serves as Chief Resident for all pharmacy residents at the BCVAMC. The psychiatric pharmacy resident will also be involved in the precepting of pharmacy students and PGY1 pharmacy residents. Residents may also elect to participate in interdisciplinary training opportunities with psychology, social work, optometry, and pharmacy trainees and/or complete a teaching certificate (if not already obtained during PGY1 residency training).

Residency Structure

Learning experiences are offered in blocks and longitudinally to maximize learning opportunities for the treatment setting. The last month of the year is designated as career preparation during which time the learning experience will be tailored to a resident’s post-residency employment plans.

Required Experiences:	Elective Experiences:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orientation• Inpatient Mental Health• Outpatient Mental Health Clinic• Pain Management or Geriatric Psychiatry• Primary Care Mental Health Integration• Psychiatric Pharmacy Administration & Education• Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs (RRTP)• Residency Project• Substance Use Disorder Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academia/Teaching• Academic Detailing• Inpatient Mental Health II• Pharmacy Management• PTSD Clinic Team (PCT)• Psychosocial RRTP• PTSD RRTP• Substance Use Disorder RRTP

Leadership and Interdisciplinary Opportunities:

- Chief Resident
- Teaching Certificate
- Interprofessional Series
- Preceptor Development

Benefits:

- 13 days of annual leave
- 13 days of sick leave
- 11 federal holidays
- Health, vision, and dental insurance available

Sensitivity to Diversity

The Battle Creek VAMC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Our PGY2 psychiatric pharmacy residency program welcomes and encourages applications from all qualified candidates regardless of gender, gender identity, age, religion, race, ethnicity, culture, nationality, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, disability, or other minority status. Our program operates within the context of the following values: self-development, caring, open-mindedness, trust, and responsibility, and we strive to embody those values through decisions we make for the program as well as the experiences we offer. We emphasize wellness and personal growth in addition to professional growth through training while in the program.

About the Battle Creek VA

The Battle Creek VA Medical Center is a referral center for mental health services in the region. There are a variety of mental health services including an acute inpatient psychiatry unit, three residential rehabilitation treatment programs, and outpatient services including mental health clinic, mental health intensive case management, substance use disorder clinic, and the wellness and recovery program.

Positions Available: 1

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