

**VA**U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

# Central Virginia VA Health Care System **PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program**

## Program Description

Our residency is a one-year, full time, ASHP accredited program that provides four residents per year a profound experience in delivering comprehensive pharmaceutical care to the veteran population.

We prepare the pharmacist clinician to obtain a position as a clinical pharmacist practitioner, to begin a career in academia, or to continue residency training as a PGY2 resident in a focused area of practice.



From left to right:

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## REQUIRED ROTATIONS

- Orientation
- Internal medicine
- Critical care
- Geriatrics selective (pick 1)
  - Community living center
  - Home-based primary care
  - Transitions of care
- Anticoagulation management
- Primary care
- Pharmacy management/drug information

## ELECTIVE ROTATIONS

- Advanced block in anything listed above
- Academic detailing
- Cardiology
- Infectious disease
- Mental health
  - Inpatient
  - Outpatient
  - Substance use disorders
- Oncology
- Pain management
- Polytrauma/traumatic brain injury
- Spinal cord injury

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Residency project
- MUE
- Staffing experiences
- Teaching opportunities



# Qualifications



United States citizen



Doctor of Pharmacy degree from a ACPE accredited pharmacy school



Licensure in at least one U.S. State or Territory by 9/1



Aptitude, initiative, and motivation to practice clinical pharmacy in a direct patient care environment

The Central Virginia VA Health Care System is a 400 bed tertiary referral medical center serving approximately 50,000 veterans annually. Our medical center is a teaching facility with an academic affiliation with Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center and the Medical College of Virginia.

## PROGRESSIVE PRACTICE SETTING

- VA has a fully comprehensive electronic medical record
- Residents work under their pharmacy preceptors' scopes of practice and prescriptive authority
- Residents gain experience in the clinical and didactic teaching of pharmacy students, including optional participation in the Teaching and Learning Certificate Program offered by the VCU School of Pharmacy
- Teaching and presentations, including clinical seminars, case conferences, and journal club discussions are integrated into the program
- Resident-led topic discussions and clinical seminars provide public speaking opportunities

## RESIDENT BENEFITS

- Annual stipend (\$49,208 for 2024-2025)
- Vacation time and sick leave accrue throughout the year
- Federal holidays
- Medical and life insurance
- Financial support to attend a residency conference
- Administrative leave for other professional meetings

## Application Procedure

- Apply via PhORCAS by January 2, 2024
- NMS Program Code 290613
- Applications will be reviewed, and interviews will be extended to select candidates

## Email our residency director for more information:

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