

VAU.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Central Virginia VA Health Care System

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency with a Focus in Psychiatry Program

Program Description

Our residency is a one-year, full time, ASHP accredited program that provides one resident per year a profound experience in delivering comprehensive pharmaceutical care to the veteran population with a focus on mental health services.

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.



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PSYCHIATRY-FOCUSED ROTATION

- Inpatient psychiatry
- Outpatient mental health
- Substance use disorders
- Residency project

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ROTATIONS

- Orientation
- Internal medicine
- Acute care selective (pick 1)
 - Cardiology
 - Critical care
 - Spinal cord injury
 - Polytrauma/traumatic brain injury
- Geriatrics selective (pick 1)
 - Community living center
 - Home-based primary care
 - Transitions of care
- Anticoagulation management
- Primary care
- Pharmacy management/drug information

This program is very similar to our traditional PGY1 program. All of the electives have been designed for the resident who has a particular interest in psychiatry.

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

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES IN INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Lead mental health focused seminars in collaboration with PGY2 mental health pharmacy resident
- Integrated patient education & motivational groups
- Opportunity to extend training into a PGY2 residency

Application Procedure

- Apply via PhORCAS by January 2, 2024
- NMS Program Code 290621
- Applications will be reviewed, and interviews will be extended to select candidates

Email our residency director for more information:

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