

Meet Our Residents 2023-2024

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency

Lierra Barrett, PharmD

- Pharmacy School: High Point University
- Career Interests: Ambulatory Care
- Why the Phoenix VA? I chose the Phoenix VA because I have family members that served, and I think it is great to be able to help others like them. Also, this program aligns with my career goals and desired path to becoming an ambulatory care pharmacist.
- Hobbies: Hiking, trying new restaurants, house plants
- Favorite things to do in Phoenix: I'm new to the city, so my favorite thing is exploring new places!
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India Bhatia, PharmD

- Pharmacy School: Midwestern University in Glendale, Arizona
- Career Interests: Psychiatric/Mental Health pharmacy
- Why the Phoenix VA? I wanted to be able to give back to those who have served, and I loved the friendly environment of the Phoenix VA!
- Hobbies: Shopping, reading, watching movies
- Favorite things to do in Phoenix: Trying new restaurants with friends!
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Alex Brown, PharmD

- Pharmacy School: University of Arizona – Phoenix
- Career Interests: Ambulatory Care – Women’s Health, Anticoagulation, Primary Care
- Why the Phoenix VA? I chose the Phoenix VA because of the large pharmacy department. There’s a pharmacist in (almost) EVERY aspect of care that the VA provides and I think that is a really cool thing to be apart of. I had a rotation here as an APPE student and it was easy to see that all the preceptors and staff enjoy their jobs which makes it a great learning environment. Also, the program is set up for a really good variety of rotations so you get experience in many areas throughout the year.
- Hobbies: Hanging out with my cat Queso, cooking, watching YouTube/TikTok, and spending time with family and friends!
- Favorite things to do in Phoenix: Try new food trucks and local breweries - they have both become really popular in Phoenix within the last few years. Also, when its 115 degrees during the summer, hanging out in the pool!
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Kat Marchese, PharmD

- Pharmacy School: University of Arizona – Tucson
- Career Interests: Acute Care
- Why the Phoenix VA?: The Phoenix VA offers many opportunities for pharmacy residents to grow into well-rounded and independent practitioners. I was also excited to move to a big city with lots of new restaurants and activities to try!
- Hobbies: Going to concerts, watching movies with my 2 cats, and golf (when it is not 118°!)
- Favorite things to do in Phoenix: Getting a bruschetta board from Postino and watching the Suns play
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Tori Sjoblom, PharmD

- Pharmacy School: University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy
- Career Interests: Mental Health, SUD, open to exploring other areas!
- Why the Phoenix VA: I chose to complete my PGY1 within the VA system because my parents are Navy civilians and I have grown up around wonderful people who have served. I also had an excellent experience during my Inpatient Psychiatry APPE at the Providence, RI VA. The Phoenix VA is one of the largest VAs and offers the most diversity in terms of disease state management, rotation options and learning opportunities that I am interested in expanding my knowledge in. In addition, everyone on the pharmacy staff is very kind and welcoming!
- Hobbies: reading, skiing, painting, baking
- Favorite thing to do in Phoenix: try new restaurants and coffee shops!
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Taylor Tellez, PharmD

- Pharmacy School: University of Arizona – Phoenix
- Career Interests: Ambulatory care and mental health, but I'm open to any new experiences!
- Why the Phoenix VA? I was born and raised in Phoenix and have loved living in Arizona (I honestly don't think I could live anywhere else). I come from a family of active and retired military members, so Veterans have a very near and dear place in my heart.
- Hobbies: reading, camping, volleyball, and movies
- Favorite things to do in Phoenix: hockey games, concerts, trying new food and drinks, going to the lake/river, spending time with my family
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