

Applicant Qualifications SAVAHCS Pharmacy Residency Program

- United States citizenship
- Doctor of pharmacy degree from an American Council on Pharmaceutical Education accredited school of pharmacy
- National Matching Service and Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS) registration
- Pharmacist licensure in any of the United States prior to or within 90 days of the start date of the residency

Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) Requirements

Please refer to the OAA requirements of Health Professions Trainees (HPTs): [Resources for Health Professions Trainees Coming to VA | Eligibility and Forms - Office of Academic Affiliations](#)

HPTs are appointed as temporary employees of the Department of Veteran Affairs. As such, HPTs are subject to law, policies, and guidelines posted for VA staff members. There are infrequent times in which this guidance can change during a training year which may create new requirements or responsibilities for HPTs. If employment requirements change during the course of a training year, HPTs are notified of the change and impact as soon as possible and options provided. The Residency Program Director (RPD) will provide you with the information you need to understand the requirement and reasons for the requirement in a timely manner.

Application Requirements

**All application requirements are due by
January 2nd 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time**

The SAVAHCS PGY1 Residency program utilizes the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS) for processing all applications.

The PhORCAS application requirements include:

- ✓ Application
- ✓ Cover letter or letter of intent specific to the SAVAHCS PGY1 Residency program
- ✓ Curriculum vitae
- ✓ Official school of pharmacy transcripts including fall grades
- ✓ PhORCAS recommendation form from three references.

**In addition to the PhORCAS application standard requirements, it is strongly recommended each reference writer provide comments for a minimum of 10 of the "Characteristics Evaluated" on the PhORCAS Standardized Reference form. This additional suggestion is communicated by the applicant to their references.

Materials submitted by the candidate are subject to textual similarity review for detection of plagiarism.

Interviews

Interviews for the Pharmacy Residency Class of 2026 will be conducted virtually from mid-January through mid-February 2025. Potential candidates are invited to interview based on screened applications (please see above regarding application requirements); the candidate may accept the offer to interview if the candidate is willing to comply with the human resource (HR) requirements outlined in the interview offer letter. Candidates not invited to interview are notified no later than January 30th. The interview is a panel-style interview with the program's pharmacy preceptors, current pharmacy residents as well as the pharmacy residency director. Once all the potential candidates are interviewed, the list is ranked and sent to the National Matching Service. The results are posted by the National Matching Service on the designated date. This residency site agrees that no person at this site solicits, accepts, or uses any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.