

## PGY2 Pharmacy Residency Program - Internal Medicine

Lt. Col. Luke J. Weathers Jr. (Memphis) VA Medical Center

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### **Introduction**

The Lt. Col. Luke J. Weathers Jr. VA Medical Center PGY2 Internal Medicine Pharmacy Residency is a 12-month/52 week training program that aims to train highly motivated and qualified pharmacists to provide exceptional care for adult internal medicine patients. The practice setting is a 250-bed tertiary VA hospital in Memphis, TN. The pharmacy resident will work as an integral member of the healthcare team, along with medical residents, fellows and students affiliated with the University of TN Health Science Center. The resident will have the opportunity to develop practice management skills, participate in educational programs, provide formal presentations, and precept pharmacy students. The resident will also participate in projects designed to improve patient care and outcomes. Flexible training schedules allow the resident to pursue areas of personal interest while meeting the educational goals of the program. The residency program will start either the third week of June or first week of July. Appointment is within the Federal government, and residents are therefore subject to all regulations and requirements of the Federal system.

### **PGY2 Purpose**

The purpose of the PGY2 residency program is to build upon the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency training to develop pharmacist practitioners with knowledge, skills, and abilities as defined in the educational competency areas, goals, and objectives for advanced practice areas. Residents who successfully complete PGY2 residency programs are prepared for advanced patient care or other specialized positions, and board certification in the advanced practice area, if available.

### **Summary**

Type:	PGY-2 Internal Medicine Pharmacy Residency
Duration:	12 months/52 weeks
Number of Positions:	2
Application Deadline:	January 10, 2025
Estimated Stipend:	~\$51,974 (2025-2026 PGY2 pharmacy residency stipend)
Interview Required:	Yes (with formal presentation)

**General application requirements:** U.S. Citizenship, PharmD degree from ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy, pharmacy license (any state), participating in (or have completed) an ASHP-accredited PGY1 residency program

**PhORCAS application requirements:** Curriculum vitae (CV), college transcripts, letter of intent (limited to 1 page), minimum of three letters of recommendation (clinical preferred)

### **Benefits**

Annual Leave (AL): 4 hours per pay period (13 days per year)  
Sick Leave (SL): 4 hours per pay period (13 days per year)  
Federal Holidays: 11 paid Federal Holidays  
Other: Up to 3 days paid interview leave; paid leave to attend state/national pharmacy meetings; Participation in VA Plans/Programs (health, liability, etc.); Financial support for required professional membership, to attend one professional meeting, and teaching certificate registration (if applicable). Additional requests on a case-by-cases basis may be considered. Funding may be limited by VA Federal Funding.

## **Program Structure – Rotations and Learning Experiences**

- Core rotations:
  - Orientation
  - Ambulatory Care (1 month)
  - Cardiology (1 month)
  - Critical Care (1 month)
  - Geriatric Medicine (1 month)
  - Internal Medicine I (2 months)
  - Internal Medicine II (2 months)
- Elective rotations\* (1 month each):
  - Repeat of any required rotation
  - Academic Detailing
  - Critical Care + Nutrition Support
  - Infectious Disease/Antimicrobial Stewardship
  - Mental Health - Inpatient
  - Mental Health - Outpatient
  - Palliative Care
  - Spinal Cord Injury
- Required, year-long, continuous learning experiences:
  - Drug Policy, Med Safety and Formulary Review Longitudinal
    - Chief Resident (*on a rotating basis with other residents*)
    - Participation in formulary/PADRs
    - Quality improvement project/policy/protocol and/or order set development
    - VADERS/ARTs
  - IRB-approved research project (including written manuscript & presentation at MidSouth Residents Conference)
  - Local/regional/national presentation/poster/abstract or case report
  - Pharmacotherapy CE presentations (2 hours total)
  - Journal Club presentations (2)
  - Teaching Certificate Program (*optional, if not completed PGY1 year*)
  - Weekend clinical, transitions of care (TOC) and operational inpatient staffing
  - Completion of residency “notebook”
  - Participation in Resident-Preceptor Mentor program

*\*Other elective opportunities may be available depending on time of year and with advance notice based on resident interest and preceptor availability*

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### **Additional information:**

- ❖ Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than January 31, 2025
- ❖ This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.
- ❖ Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of a physical exam, including negative drug test.
- ❖ Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment.