

PGY2 Pharmacy Residency Program - Psychiatry
Lt. Col. Luke J. Weathers Jr. (Memphis) VA Medical Center
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Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of the VAMC Memphis PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program is to build on the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and PGY-1 pharmacy residency program to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in Psychiatry. Residents will have opportunities to function independently as practitioners and work collaboratively as a member of the healthcare team by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and incorporating both into the provision of patient care that optimizes medication therapy. Upon completion of the PGY-2 Psychiatry Pharmacy residency, the resident will be prepared to establish collaborative interdisciplinary mental health practices, possess competencies that qualify them for clinical pharmacist and/or faculty positions and position them to be eligible for attainment of board certification in Psychiatric Pharmacy (BCPP).

Overview:

Our facility is a Level 1A facility which provides comprehensive medical, surgical, and mental health services to Veterans in a 53-county region of the Tri-State area of Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi. The Mental Health Service provides inpatient, outpatient, residential and a variety of other specialized mental health services to Veterans utilizing an interdisciplinary healthcare model. Mental Health Clinical Pharmacist Practitioners (CPPs) are fully integrated into the care team model for our Veterans. The Pharmacy Service has six Mental Health CPPs who all completed a VA PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency, five of which are board-certified in psychiatric pharmacy. Furthermore, our facility has a rich history of pharmacy residency training, including a PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency program which has been accredited since 1963. Our PGY-1 program established an educational foundation which fostered expansion to PGY-2 programs in Ambulatory Care and Internal Medicine. Our pharmacy residency programs have been extremely successful which demonstrates our leadership and pharmacy service's dedication to clinical education.

Program:

The VAMC Memphis PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency is a 12-month training program that aims to train highly motivated and qualified pharmacists to provide exceptional mental health care to patients. The resident will function independently and collaboratively with team members to achieve optimal drug therapy outcomes. The resident will have the opportunity to provide clinical services, develop practice management skills, participate in educational programs, precept pharmacy students and residents, and participate in projects designed to improve patient care and outcomes. Flexible training schedules allow residents to pursue areas of personal interest while meeting the education goals of the program.

Summary

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| Type: | PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency |
| Duration: | 12 months/52 weeks |
| Number of Positions: | 1 |
| Application Deadline: | January 10, 2025 |
| Starting Date: | June 30, 2025 |
| Estimated Stipend: | \$51,974 |
| 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, college transcripts, letter of intent (limited to 1 page), minimum of three letters of recommendation (clinical preferred)

Benefits

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| 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-case basis may be considered. Funding may be limited by VA Federal Funding.

Program Structure – Rotations and Learning Experiences

- Core rotations:
 - Orientation
 - Inpatient Psychiatry I (8 weeks)
 - Inpatient Psychiatry II (8 weeks)
 - Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program [RRTP] (4 weeks)
 - Outpatient Mental Health – BHIP (4 weeks)
 - Primary Care Mental Health Integration [PCMHI] (4 weeks)
 - Outpatient Pain Management (4 weeks)
- Longitudinal Rotations:
 - Clozapine Clinic
 - E-Consults
 - Mental Health Intensive Case Management [MHICM]
 - Pain Coping Group
- Required, year-long, continuous learning experiences:
 - Practice Management/Formulary Management
 - Project Management/Research
 - Practice Related Education and Training
 - Pharmacotherapy Presentations (2 hours, CE)
 - Quarterly Mental Health Pharmacotherapy Presentation (1 hour, CE)
 - Journal Club
 - IRB-approved research project (including written manuscript & presentation at MidSouth Residents Conference)
 - Local/regional/national presentation/poster/abstract or case report
 - Pharmacy operational staffing on a rotational basis
 - Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring
- Elective rotations* (4 weeks):
 - Repeat of any required rotation
 - Consult and Liaison Service
 - Academic Detailing
 - Pharmacogenomics
 - Substance Use Disorders – Outpatient Management
 - Geriatrics
 - Palliative Care
 - Ambulatory Care
- On a rotating basis, each resident serves as Chief Resident concurrent with other rotations

**Other elective opportunities may be available 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.