

About Veterans Health Administration

The VA's health care system includes 155 medical centers in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

Additionally, more than 800 ambulatory care sites and community-based outpatient clinics are operated by the VA. These health care facilities provide a multitude of services, ranging from medical and surgical to rehabilitative care. The VA health care system has consistently received high scores in providing quality care to its patients.

About the Battle Creek VA

The Battle Creek VA provides a variety of services to Veterans. Annually, more than 200,000 visits are made to ambulatory clinics that include primary care, mental health, infectious disease, endocrinology, urology, and neurology. Additionally, the facility has 300+ inpatient beds, providing care for internal medicine, mental health, and long term care patients. In total, more than 35,000 Veterans are serviced by the facility.

The mental health focused resident will participate in many of the pharmacy services at the facility, with an emphasis in mental health residential treatment units and inpatient psychiatry.

Additional experiences include:

primary care services, anticoagulation management, home-based primary care, formulary management, pharmacy management and drug information.

Furthermore, the resident will be expected to assist in precepting pharmacy students on their clerkship rotations.



Battle Creek VA Medical Center PGY-1 Residency

Mental Health Focus



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Program Description

Residents completing a residency at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center will be prepared to become clinical pharmacists that provide exemplary patient care in interdisciplinary teams, capable of leading the profession and working within the framework of a health care system.

Residency Structure

The 12 month mental health focused residency consists of activities located primarily at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center.

Required Experiences:

- Anticoagulation
- Clinical video telehealth
- Education and Drug information
- Home-based primary care
- Inpatient pharmacy
- Inpatient psychiatry
- Interprofessional series
- Outpatient pharmacy
- Pharmacy management
- Pharmacy policy
- Pharmacy project
- Primary care
- 2 mental health electives:
 - PTSD
 - Psychosocial Rehabilitation
 - Substance Abuse

Teaching Experiences

- Precept P4 students
- Continuing education for staff
- Teaching certificate through Ferris State University (optional)

Residents are required to staff two days a month during normal work hours.

Purpose Statement

The Battle Creek VA Medical Center PGY1 pharmacy residency program will build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, eligible for board certification, and eligible for postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency training.

Timeline

This residency is one year in length starting approximately July 1 and ending approximately June 30 the following year.

The Battle Creek VA uses PhORCAS for submission of application materials, due on Jan 1:

- Curriculum Vitae
- College Transcripts
- Cover Letter
- Three letters of recommendation from professional sources, either faculty or employers
- Application for Associated Health Occupations (VA form 10-2850c)

The Battle Creek VA Medical Center participates in the National Match Program.

This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

Item	Date
Applications due	Jan 1
Interview notifications	Feb 1
Interviews	Feb
National Match	March
Start Date	Pay period including July 1

Fringe Benefits

1. Preceptors with scope of practice
2. Stipend of \$41,166 in 2016-2017 (determined nationally each year)
3. Paid leave (13 days paid vacation & 13 days paid sick time)
4. 10 paid federal holidays
5. Minimum required on-site hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Mondays through Fridays
6. Health and life insurance
7. Nationwide networking

Residency Requirements

Applicants must be US citizens and graduates of a college of pharmacy accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or be otherwise eligible for pharmacy licensure. There is no requirement in regards to the type of degree held by the applicant, and the residency program director will assess baseline knowledge, skills and abilities to ascertain qualification for admission.



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