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If you are interested in applying to our program, please send a CV, letter of intent, copy of your transcripts and three letters of recommendation by January 15. An interview is required in January or February.

Application Requirements
Prospective residents must be US citizens, possess a Pharm.D. degree, be licensed in any state, and have completed a PGY1 residency program.

Contact:
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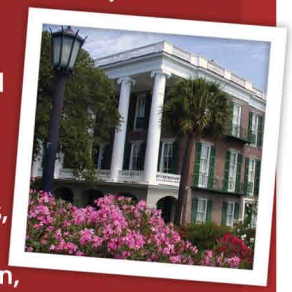
City of Charleston

Charleston has consistently been named the nation's most-mannerly city and for the past 15 years, Charleston has consistently placed in the top 10 domestic travel destinations by Conde Nast Traveler magazine's Readers Choice Awards.

Charleston is a beautiful historic city on the South Carolina coast. Its narrow streets and antebellum houses rooted in the past are seemingly impervious to time. Surrounded by a coastal plain of sparkling beaches, spacious marshes, and palmetto trees...Charleston, South Carolina is a city of history and preservation.



Clinical Pharmacy Services

The Charleston VA Medical Center offers an exciting and progressive clinical pharmacy environment with many opportunities. We currently employ 25 clinical pharmacy specialists in many areas of practice including primary care, inpatient medicine, critical care, psychiatry, anemia, rheumatology, infectious disease, geriatrics, and pain management. In addition to the residency program, we provide clinical rotation sites for pharmacy students from the South Carolina College of Pharmacy.

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Educational Affiliations

The Charleston VA Medical Center is a teaching and research institution affiliated with the Medical University of South Carolina. We are a training site for health professionals of many disciplines. Residents have the opportunity to participate in the teaching certificate program at the South Carolina College of Pharmacy, MUSC Campus. The college will award a "certificate of academic preparation" at completion of the program.

Accreditation

The residency is accredited by ASHP as a PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration residency.

Residency Experiences

The goal of the residency program is to develop the resident's skills necessary to conceptualize, implement, and evaluate pharmacy services. Education and training will involve practice sites in the Inpatient, Outpatient, and Decentralized Ambulatory Care Services as well as time at the Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy (CMOP). Research and continuing educational activities are encouraged and are made available to the resident.

Administration Experiences:

Pharmacy Leadership and Administration
Clinical Pharmacy Services – Ambulatory Care
Clinical Pharmacy Services – Inpatient Care
Outpatient Pharmacy Operations
Inpatient Pharmacy Operations
Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy (CMOP)
Pharmacy Informatics
Research and Automation
Inventory Management
Pharmacoeconomics and Medication Use

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As an ASHP-accredited residency program, certain activities are required, including:

* Performing and completing a research project of publishable quality
* Completion of at least one medication use evaluation
* Completion of a longitudinal residency project
* Completion of all residency objectives as outlined in the ASHP residency directory

Start Date: July 1

Stipend and Benefits:
Approximately $44,522.00 annually, plus earned annual and sick leave, and administrative leave for professional meetings when approved. Additional pay may be obtained by staffing as a pharmacist after hours or on weekends in the pharmacy.

Federal Employment
Federal employees have many benefits, including prescribing privileges for Clinical Pharmacy Specialists, the ability to practice with an active pharmacy license from any US state, numerous holidays, and a competitive salary.