



HUNTINGTON VA MEDICAL CENTER HUNTINGTON, WV

PHARMACY PRACTICE RESIDENCY (PGY-1)

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Program Overview

The Huntington VA Medical Center Pharmacy Practice Residency was started in 1993 and is designed to develop the practice skills of a pharmacy graduate in a broad range of clinical settings. The residency provides substantial learning opportunities and stimulates professional growth. The Residency in Pharmacy Practice will develop the resident's competence, skills, and application of drug therapy while providing multiple opportunities to transform accumulated experiences and knowledge into improved drug therapy outcomes and enhanced pharmaceutical care.

The residency focuses on cultivation of clinical evaluation and decision-making skills through applied pharmacotherapeutic principles. Areas of focus include acute patient care, ambulatory patient care, drug information, drug use policy development, and practice management.

Inpatient clinical activities include participation in daily rounds with critical care, medical, and surgical teams to provide drug information, adverse drug reaction and drug interaction monitoring, and recommendations on appropriate dosing and rational therapy. Ambulatory care activities include participation in management of hyperlipidemia, hypertension, and anticoagulation, as well as patient education classes, including smoking cessation.

The Clinical Pharmacy staff is composed of ten clinical pharmacists: three devoted to inpatient services, six in Ambulatory Care, one in Home Based Primary Care, one in Psychiatry, one Formulary specialist, and one at Charleston satellite clinic.

Facilities

The Huntington VA Medical Center is an 80 bed university affiliated medical center providing acute medical and surgical inpatient care as well as intermediate and extended care services. Additionally, the medical center has an ambulatory care program consisting of both primary and specialized outpatient services which receives over 330,000 patient visits per year. The integration of inpatient and outpatient treatment modalities assures a continuity of medical care for patients.

Two satellite outpatient clinics located near Prestonsburg, KY and Charleston, WV provides non-emergent general medical services to veterans in eastern Kentucky and central West Virginia.

The affiliation with Marshall University School of Medicine places the medical center in the role of a training site for residents and fellows in internal medicine, cardiology, pulmonology, endocrinology, infectious disease, hematology-oncology, pulmonary diseases, pathology, and general surgery.

The Pharmacy Service offers computerized physician order entry, unit dose services, I.V admixture preparation and outpatient prescription services. Clinical pharmacy services include formulary management, ambulatory care services,

inpatient rounding, Mental Health Pharmacy, drug information services, pharmacokinetics service, targeted antimicrobial therapy monitoring, quality assurance, research, and drug use evaluation programs.

Clinical Rotation Choices

The residency is a 12 month post-graduate program which begins at the beginning of July each year. The goals and objectives of each rotation are designed to meet or exceed ASHP standards, while allowing enough flexibility to develop the specific interests of the resident. The following rotations are available.

- Orientation (Exposure to Inpatient, Outpatient, Various Clinics, and Clinical Pearl Boot camps in July)
- Ambulatory Care Clinics
- Infectious Disease/Pharmacokinetics
- Formulary Management/ Informatics
- Internal Medicine
- Critical Care
- Psychiatry
- Elective (Pain Management, Academic Detailing, Home Based Primary Care)

Longitudinal Training

- Management
- Drug Information

Benefits

- 13 Paid Vacation Days
- 13 Paid Sick Days
- 10 Paid Federal Holidays
- Travel allowances to ASHP and Spring Residency Conference
- Federal Health Insurance

Stipend

- \$41,098

Social Activities / Local Attractions

- Marshall University (www.marshall.edu)
- Pullman Square (www.pullman-square.com)
- Ritter Park (www.ghprd.org)
- Marshall Artist Series (www.marshall.edu/muartsr)
- Hiking/Biking Trails (www.wvtrails.com)
- Whitewater rafting (www.wvexplorer.com)
- Snow Skiing (www.skiingwv.com)
- City of Huntington (www.CityofHuntington.com)

Eligibility

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, graduate of an accredited school of pharmacy, and hold an active pharmacy license or be eligible for licensure in any U.S. state or territory. Applicant should have a strong desire to develop clinical skills in providing pharmaceutical care. Applicants must submit the following to be eligible for an onsite interview.

To apply, applicants must submit the following:

- Letter of intent describing personal goals for residency
- Curriculum Vitae
- Official Transcripts
- Three recommendations via PhORCAS (Clinical preceptors preferred)

Send Following Essay Questions to James.AllmanII@va.gov (Due: 1/1/16)

1. Why is the Huntington VAMC a good match for you?
2. What are your professional goals for the next 5 years?
3. What are your strengths? Please provide examples.
4. What are your focus areas for improvement and how do you plan to improve upon?

*****Application materials must be received by January 1st.*****

Submit information to:

Jamie Allman, Pharm.D., BCPS
Clinical Coordinator (119)
Huntington VA Medical Center
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Huntington, WV 25704

Contact with Questions:

Jamie Allman 304-429-6755 ext 3400 (Desk) or ext 2322 (to leave a message with Pharmacy Secretary)
Email: James.AllmanII@va.gov

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www.pbm.va.gov/VAPharmacyResidencyProgram.aspx

Note: The Huntington VA Medical Center Pharmacy Practice Residency agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant and abide by the ASHP Match rules and regulations. Candidates who will be interviewed onsite will be notified by February 15th.

