

PGY1 PHARMACY RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The Healthcare System

The Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System (SAVAHCS) has provided comprehensive, world class health care to Veterans for more than eighty years. SAVAHCS was a recipient of the 2011 Robert W. Carey Performance Excellence Award and was recognized for achieving and sustaining high levels of performance and service to our Veterans. The healthcare system consists of 200 acute care beds, 100 geriatrics beds, several primary care teams and associated specialty clinics, two urban community outpatient clinics, and five community outpatient clinics in Tucson's outlying areas serving more than 50,000 Veterans annually.

A wide range of inpatient and ambulatory care services are provided in the medical center including internal medicine, primary care, surgery, neurology, infectious diseases, nephrology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, rheumatology, pulmonary, cardiology, oncology, mental health, and emergency medicine. SAVAHCS is the neurosurgery and cardiac referral center for the VA Southwest Health Care Network (VISN 18). The Pharmacy Service is a technology and patient safety leader assisted by the extensive use of robotics and automation.

SAVAHCS has a strong affiliation with the University of Arizona healthcare profession programs. Students and residents from many disciplines are trained at SAVAHCS each year.



The SAVAHCS Pharmacy Service is a highly integrated, progressive clinical practice model that encompasses 100 pharmacy staff members, including over 40 clinical pharmacists in many practice settings.

Residency Goals and Objectives

The purpose of the SAVAHCS Post Graduate Year 1 (PGY1) pharmacy residency program is to train the pharmacist clinician, ensuring the development of skills necessary to provide optimal drug therapy to patients in any setting. In addition, the goals of the residency program are to train pharmacists to investigate therapeutic problems in a scientific manner, and enhance verbal and written communication skills. The residents will be expected to provide care to a wide range of patients, become leaders in the medication use process, manage practice, function competently in partnership with other providers, and teach at an appropriate level when the residency is completed.

Program Description

The 12 month residency program accepts up to eight PGY1 residents and is designed to provide ongoing clinical pharmacy activities while promoting the individual resident's needs. The program provides clinical experience with a broad range of patients and disease states in various rotation settings, while working collegially with physicians, and nurse practitioners. During the year, each resident will give presentations to a variety of healthcare professionals. A research project is required. Each resident will present a poster outlining their research hypothesis and methods at the ASHP Mid-year meeting in December and the completed project at the Western States Conference for Pharmacy Residents, Fellows, and Preceptors.

Monthly Experiential Schedule

July – November Orientation, Ambulatory care, Internal medicine (2), Critical care, Elective

December CE/Research project and ASHP Midyear Conference

January – June Geriatrics, Internal medicine (2), Ambulatory care, Electives (2)

Longitudinal Experiential Activities

Longitudinal experiences throughout the residency year include ambulatory continuity clinic, anticoagulation, and several administrative activities. Residents also provide weekend inpatient pharmacist coverage. Generally, this is one weekend each month. The clinical and distributive functions of a pharmacist will be performed during this time.

Elective Opportunities

Residents may choose three electives during the year. The elective time is used to tailor specific interests of the resident within the training program. Common electives are primary care, internal medicine, oncology, pain management, specialty ambulatory care, cardiology, critical care, mental health, infectious disease, emergency medicine and administration elective. Off-site opportunities are also available for those who are licensed in the state of Arizona.

Benefits

The residency stipend is \$41,098 and includes full federal healthcare benefits. Residents will accumulate 13 days of paid vacation time, 13 days of paid sick time, and have 10 Federal holidays per year. Additional paid time off will be provided to attend the Midyear Clinical Meeting and the Western States Conference for Pharmacy Residents, Fellows, and Preceptors.

Qualifications

- ★ United States citizenship
- ★ Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an American Council on Pharmaceutical Education Accredited School of Pharmacy
- ★ Pharmacist licensure in any of the United States
- ★ National Matching Service and Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS) registration

Application Requirements

All application materials are due by December 31, 2012 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time for the next calendar year.

The SAVAHCS PGY1 Residency program participates in the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS). Please refer to both the ASHP and SAVAHCS PGY1 websites for details. Incomplete packages will not be considered for review.

In addition to the PhORCAS application requirements, candidates will need to:

- ★ Ensure each reference uploads a traditionally written letter of recommendation, for a total of three references, as part of the PhORCAS application packet required for this program. The standardized reference template available in PhORCAS alone will not serve as an acceptable letter of recommendation.

- ★ Complete VA FORM 10-2850D <http://www.va.gov/oaa/archive/VAFORM10-2850d.pdf>

- ★ Complete a technical drug information writing piece. Please refer to the program website for details: http://www.tucson.va.gov/careers/pharmacy_residency_program.asp

Candidates who are not invited to interview will be notified via letter postmarked no later than January 30th.

**For further information or questions,
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