

VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA



Postgraduate Year One (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency

The Asheville VA Medical Center is a tertiary care, 112 bed acute care facility with a separate 120 bed Extended Care and Rehabilitation Center located in Western North Carolina. Asheville VAMC primary care clinics proudly serve approximately 30,000 veterans from the Western North Carolina area and portions of South Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia. Comprehensive health care is provided through the spectrum of primary care, tertiary care, and long-term care in areas of medicine, surgery, mental health, physical medicine and rehabilitation, spinal cord injury, neurology, oncology, dentistry, ophthalmology, women's health and geriatrics. Asheville is a teaching hospital, providing a full range of patient care services, with state of the art technology and programs in education and research. Special programs include a Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) program, and a Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (SARRTP). The Medical Center is located within the VA Mid-Atlantic Health Care Network (VISN 6).

The Community

Asheville is the largest city in Western North Carolina located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, not far from the Great Smoky Mountains. It is a city where quality of life is high, the people are friendly, and there is always something to do. Asheville is an attractive city known to many for its outdoor sporting activities, such as golf, canoeing, kayaking, rafting, and camping, just to name a few. Asheville also offers a wide variety of cultural events including arts and crafts festivals and live music events. Downtown Asheville is home to restaurants, cafes, and pubs to meet anyone's craving. Despite moderate year-round temperatures, residents of Asheville have the joy of experiencing four distinct seasons. This, along with the endless activities and beautiful surroundings, make it no surprise Asheville continues to grow each and every year.

PGY-1 Residency Purpose Statement

The purpose of the PGY-1 Residency at the Asheville VA Medical Center is to provide the learning environment, instruction, mentoring and evaluation necessary for the resident to develop high level pharmaceutical care skills. This residency program strives to develop a pharmacy practitioner who is able to apply the unique skills that pharmacists possess in innovative settings in order to meet health care needs that are not adequately met by other professions and add to the body of knowledge of the clinical, financial and humanistic value of pharmaceutical care.

What are the learning opportunities?

The majority of the residency curriculum is longitudinal, which allows the resident to follow the outcomes of panels of patients throughout the year. The residents will provide care and education for patients, monitor for drug-related problems, perform physical assessments, establish therapeutic goals and communicate with providers.

Learning experiences include:

- Providing care for patients in a pharmacist-managed Risk Reduction Clinic
- Providing care for patients in a pharmacist-managed Anticoagulation Clinic
- Participating in disease specific certificate programs in preparation for qualifying for Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner status
- Conducting outcomes studies for clinics
- Performing medication reviews and optimizing medication regimens for HBPC and ECRC patients
- Precepting pharmacy students from UNC-CH, Wingate and Campbell Schools of Pharmacy, and participating in didactic teaching, seminars, and journal clubs
- Participating in weekly Primary Care Clinical Meetings at the Mountain Area Health Education Center with Mission Hospital residents
- Working with the pharmacoeconomic clinical pharmacy specialist to develop and implement cost-effective pharmacy benefit and review nonformulary requests from facility providers using the VHA Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM) and Medical Advisory Panel (MAP) National Formulary and Criteria for Use
- Providing quarterly education to facility providers and lecturing at a near by university

Elective learning experiences include:

- Mental Health
- Women's Health
- Free indigent clinic in downtown Asheville (ABCCM- off site)
- Asheville Project (off site)
- Various other medical specialty areas at facility

How will this residency help you?

Our goal is for our resident(s) to be prepared to make a difference in patients' lives and in the profession of pharmacy. By the end of the residency, our resident(s) will provide expert care services for ambulatory care patients and be prepared to develop and implement innovative programs.

About our preceptors:

Our preceptors are actively involved through out the medical center and community participating in various committees and organizations including research and development, IRB, P&T, area health department board of directors and church leadership to name a few. Each preceptor has a passion for facilitating the growth of the next generation clinical pharmacy specialists.

Benefits

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CE credits available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Office space with computer provided
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All federal holidays off	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13 days sick leave accrued• 13 days annual leave accrued
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competitive salary• Health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paid administrative leave for meetings• Stipend for travel
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCLS/ ACLS certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free parking and lab coats

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