

WHO WE SERVE



Of the 25 million veterans currently alive, nearly 3 out of every 4 served during a war or official period of hostility. About a quarter of the nation's population (an estimated 70 million people) are potentially eligible for VA benefits and services because they are veterans, family members, or survivors of veterans.

RESIDENCY GOALS, REQUIREMENTS & ROTATION OPPORTUNITIES

The primary focus of this residency is to develop a competent geriatric clinical pharmacist. This is achieved through rotations and longitudinal experiences in a diverse array of geriatric-focused areas including: geriatrics consults clinic, inpatient geriatrics consult service, sub-acute rehabilitation/long-term care, home-based primary care, acute care for the elderly service, academia, policy and advocacy, MTM, medication safety and gero-psychiatry. Other elective specialty rotations are available by request.

A geriatric-related research project is required. The resident will attend various institutional meetings and staff as required. In addition, the resident can participate in leadership opportunities through the American Society of Consultant Pharmacist (ASCP) including a rotation at ASCP headquarters in Alexandria, VA. The resident is expected to assist in training pharmacy students both on site and at the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy. Opportunities exist to publish, present nationally, and complete a teaching certificate program. The PGY2 serves as chief resident for the PGY1 program. By the conclusion of the residency, the resident will be prepared to sit for the Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy Examination (CGP).

BENEFITS

The Residency program begins July 1st and ends June 30th. VACT Healthcare System will employ the resident for 1-year with the following benefits:

- 4 hours of accrued annual (vacation) and sick leave per pay period (every two weeks)
- 10 paid holidays
- Health and Life Insurance
- Tuition and travel support to attend professional meetings (e.g. ASHP, ASCP or AGS)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

To apply you must:

- Be a citizen of the U.S.A.
- Be a graduate of an ACPE-accredited Doctor of Pharmacy degree program
- Be licensed pharmacist in any state
- Adhere to the rules of the resident matching program RMP process
- Be available for an on-site interview

Applicants must submit their application materials using PhORCAS, the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service. Mailed applications will **NOT** be accepted.



Applications must include:

- Letter of Intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official Transcript
- VA Form #10-2850c Form

Application Deadline is January 7.

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ABOUT US



Dr. Sean M. Jeffery has over 10 years experience as residency program director and is a guest surveyor for ASHP PGY2 geriatric residency programs. He is a nationally recognized leader in geriatric pharmacy, President of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (2012-13) and Clinical Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy.

VA CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM: AN OVERVIEW

The VA Connecticut Healthcare System serves more than 50,000 veterans who reside in Connecticut and Southern New England. VA Connecticut provides primary, secondary and tertiary care medicine, geriatrics, neurology, psychiatry and surgery. As part of the VA New England Healthcare System, VA Connecticut is comprised of an inpatient facility and two Ambulatory Care Centers, as well as five primary care Community Based Outpatient Clinics located in outlying areas of the state. Major geriatric affiliations include the Yale University School of Medicine, & the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy, Medicine and Dentistry. VA Connecticut also offers an ASHP accredited Pharmacy Practice residency (n=6). VACT welcomes PGY1 residents to track into the PGY2 program.



GERIATRIC PHARMACY TRAINING: AN OVERVIEW

The VA Connecticut Healthcare System in collaboration with the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy, Yale University School of Medicine and the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, offers a one-year residency in geriatrics pharmacy practice (PGY2).



This program includes 5-PGY2 trained Geriatric Clinical Pharmacy Specialists as preceptors with over 10 years experience in training residents. The overall goal of this residency is to develop an excellent clinician/educator in geriatrics. Residents are provided opportunities to collaborate with nationally recognized leaders in geriatrics. The training sites include the VA Connecticut Healthcare System, Yale New Haven Hospital, and the University of Connecticut Health Center. The residency is also a partner with the New Haven Senior Medication Safety Coalition, a community-based multidisciplinary outreach program focused on improving safe medication use in seniors. Having multiple settings allows the resident to gain skills in geriatric evaluation and management, medication-therapy-management, community-based outreach programs, and national policy and advocacy issues facing seniors and the geriatric profession.



PHARMACY PRACTICE AT



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The VA Connecticut (VACT) Healthcare System is an integrated institution which provides a full range of outpatient and inpatient services, with two campus sites located in the central (Newington) and southern (West Haven) parts of the state. The West Haven Campus is located 15 minutes from New Haven, on Long Island Sound and is conveniently located between New York City and Boston.

VA Connecticut has a comprehensive pharmacy department that utilizes a fully integrated electronic medical record system, employs various automation strategies to dispense medications, and includes an investigational drug service. Efficient use of technology and automation allows our pharmacists time to provide hands on care to our veteran population. Pharmacists educate patients regarding the proper use of medications and manage all medication reconciliation.

This residency program is accredited by the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacy. National Matching Service Code: 515354

