

Application Requirements

Qualifications:

- Doctor of Pharmacy from an accredited College of Pharmacy or a Bachelor of Pharmacy with equivalent clinical experience
- Licensure/eligibility for licensure in the U.S.
- U.S. Citizen

Application Process:

Due: **January 9, 2008**

- Application
- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- College transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation including Recommendation Request form

An interview is required for selected candidates and will be scheduled after review of the application materials.



Clinical Staff: Top (L to R) Melissa Durkee, Debra Kemp, Susan Francis; Bottom (L to R) Jennifer Schuh, Jenny Legge, Brianne Fairchild, Jennifer Taylor



Clinical Staff: Top (L to R) Catherine Woodard, Cynthia Johnston, Jamie Brown, Shajuana McMillan; Bottom (L to R) Susan Bullard, Carrie Thomas, Dee Melnyk, Mary Townsend (Not Pictured: Emily Heritage, Radhika Kothapalli)

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PGY-1 Residency



**Durham VA
Medical Center**
508 Fulton Street
Durham, NC 27705

The Durham VA Medical Center (DVAMC) is a 274-bed tertiary care referral, teaching and research facility affiliated with the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy, Campbell University School of Pharmacy, Duke University School of Medicine, and Duke University Medical Center. The medical center provides general and specialty medical, surgical, psychiatric inpatient and ambulatory services, and serves as a major referral center for North Carolina, southern Virginia, northern South Carolina, and eastern Tennessee. In addition, it serves as a referral center for high-risk open-heart surgery cases, angioplasty, and hemodynamic cardiac catheterization. The Medical Center is committed to the needs of the Veteran, as demonstrated by the research, education and clinical practice programs available throughout the institution.



PGY-1 Residency Class 2007-2008:

Amy Clarke and Kira Brice

Program Description

The ASHP Accredited PGY-1 Residency at the Durham VAMC offers a rewarding and challenging experience designed to refine skills necessary to become an independent practitioner. With an emphasis in primary care, the resident will have the opportunity to become an interdisciplinary team member of the Primary Care Education (PRIME) program. As a member of this team, the resident will collaborate with medical residents from Duke University Medical Center. In addition to the experience in PRIME, the resident will gain exposure to internal medicine, drug information, practice management, geriatrics, and various other areas of pharmacy practice.

Start Date: July 1

Competitive stipend and benefits, annual leave, sick leave, paid holidays, and administrative leave to attend conferences

Accreditation

The residency program was originally accredited by ASHP as a pharmacy practice residency in 1994. The program has been reaccredited since then, most recently in October 2006.

Match ID# 36700

Goals and Objectives

The purpose of the residency program is to develop competent well-rounded clinical pharmacy practitioners. The residency program will provide opportunities for the resident to enhance their knowledge, skills, and abilities to effectively provide pharmaceutical care services in many different patient care environments. In addition, the resident will improve their communication skills with other healthcare providers and patients, strengthen their drug information skills, learn to promote cost effective drug therapy, and nurture a commitment to lifelong learning.

Educational Affiliations

The Durham VAMC is a teaching institution affiliated with the Duke University Medical Center and serves as a training site for pharmacy students from Campbell and UNC Schools of Pharmacy.

Practice Areas

Required Rotations:

Ambulatory Care
Internal Medicine
Drug Information
Geriatrics
PRIME Clinic (longitudinal)
Practice Management (longitudinal)

Choice of 5 elective rotations

Elective Rotations:

Anticoagulation Clinic
Infectious Diseases
Medication Management Clinic
- Hypertension
- Diabetes
Lipid and Risk Reduction Clinics
Formulary Management
Pharmacy Administration
Investigational Drug Service

Additional Activities

- Complete and present a residency research project to peers at the Southeastern Residency Conference
- Prepare a manuscript suitable for publication
- Precept PharmD candidates
- Present a case presentation, journal club and clinical seminar
- Write a pharmacy newsletter
- Complete MUE
- Attend weekly Medicine Grand Rounds
- Evaluate and present ADR reports
- Participate in "Landmark Trials" discussions with clinical staff
- Attend P&T meetings
- Attend ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
- Staffing

Facts about Durham VA Medical Center

- 274 bed tertiary care referral, teaching and research facility
- Affiliated with Duke University Medical Center
- Major referral center for North Carolina, southern Virginia, northern South Carolina and eastern Tennessee
- Regional center for:
 - Radiation therapy
 - Neurological disorders
 - Therapeutic endoscopy
- Referral center for:
 - High-risk open heart surgery
 - Angioplasty
 - Hemodynamic cardiac catheterization
- Special services:
 - 120-bed Extended Care Rehabilitation Center
 - Comprehensive Women's Health Center
 - Home Based Primary Care program
 - Telemedicine Home Care program
 - Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center
 - Center of Excellence for Health Services Research in Primary Care
 - VISN 6 Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center
 - Epidemiology Research and Information Center
- Ambulatory Care Services
 - PRIME Clinic (medical resident clinic)
 - 8A Clinic (faculty practice clinic)
 - Lipid Clinic
 - Risk Reduction Clinic
 - Anticoagulation Clinic
 - Heart Failure Clinic
 - Mental Health Clinic
 - Pain Clinic
 - Three Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs)
 - Greenville
 - Morehead City
 - Raleigh
 - One Satellite Clinic
 - Hillandale

Top 10 Reasons to live in Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill

1. You'll get wonderful clinical training at Durham VA Medical Center!
2. Best of both worlds- 2.5 hours to the beach and 3 hours to the mountains.
3. Home of the Carolina Hurricanes NHL team and Durham Bulls baseball team.
4. The weather is great and the people are really nice!
5. Ranks as a "Best Place to Live" on multiple lists
 - One of the Top 5 Cities for young singles (Kiplingers 5/07)
 - #4 Best Places to Live (Money Magazine 7/06)
 - #6 Best Places for Singles (Forbes.com 7/06)
6. Home of the best college basketball teams in the nation!
7. The area is home to 1.2 million people.
8. A great place for outdoor activities: biking, hiking, swimming, and boating.
9. Plenty of cultural activities: concerts, theater, symphony, opera
10. Research Triangle Park

Website to visit:

www.triangle.citysearch.com

Durham VA Medical Center Pharmacy Preceptors

Shajuana D. McMillan, PharmD is the PGY1 residency director. She received her B.S. in pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency and an internal medicine specialty residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. In addition to serving as the PGY1 residency director, she practices in the internal medicine arena and serves as a preceptor for the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy.

Jane Pendergrass, RPh is the Chief of Pharmacy Service. She received bachelors of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Upon graduation, she was employed at the Durham VA Medical Center. Since accepting the position in 1978, she has held several positions within Pharmacy Service. She became Chief of Pharmacy in May 2002.

Jamie Brown, PharmD, is a clinical pharmacist specialist at the Durham VAMC who specializes in Drug Information and Investigational Drug services. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Campbell University School of Pharmacy. After which, he completed an ASHP accredited specialty residency in Drug Information with Campbell University. In addition, Dr. Brown precepts fourth-year PharmD candidates and serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice with Campbell University.

Susan Bullard, PharmD is an ambulatory clinical pharmacy specialist. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Florida in 1992 and completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at the VA Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee the following year. After completion of her residency, Dr. Bullard accepted a clinical position at the Durham VA Medical Center. While in her current position, she established the Pharmacy Practice Residency Program in 1994 and was the first residency director along with establishing the PRIME Pharmacy disease state management clinic. In the PRIME Pharmacy clinics she sees patients for HTN, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, hypothyroidism and medication adherence problems. Dr. Bullard also works in the anticoagulation clinic and co-manages the PRIME Nurse INR clinic. Her areas of interests are HTN, anticoagulation and medication management. In addition, Dr. Bullard is also adjunct faculty at the University of North Carolina, School of Pharmacy.

Melissa Durkee, PharmD is the Clinical Coordinator for Pharmacy Services at the Durham VA Medical Center (DVAMC). She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from the Albany College of Pharmacy, Union University and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Campbell University. Dr. Durkee has several years experience in community pharmacy and completed a geriatrics specialty residency prior to joining the DVAMC team in 2001. She maintains a clinical practice in the women's health primary care clinic and is actively involved with several committees at DVAMC, Campbell University and for the NC Association of Pharmacists. Areas of interest for Dr. Durkee include geriatrics, primary care and practice management.

Brianne Fairchild, PharmD is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in formulary management. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from West Virginia University. She completed a pharmacy practice residency, with an emphasis in primary care, at the Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Healthcare System in Pittsburgh, PA. Dr. Fairchild aids in the development and management of a pharmacy managed electronic nonformulary and restricted drug approval process. She actively participates in the P&T Committee activities and shares responsibility for Drug Use Evaluation and Adverse Drug Reaction reporting. She also serves on the Patient Health Education, My HealthVet Implementation, and Clinical Practice Guidelines Committees and is a preceptor for Campbell University and University of North Carolina Schools of Pharmacy.

Susan Francis, PharmD, BPCS is a clinical pharmacist in geriatrics at DVAMC. She serves as residency director for the PGY-2 Geriatrics residency.

Emily Heritage, PharmD is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Greenville Community- Based Outpatient Clinic (GCBOC). She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at the Durham VAMC. Dr. Heritage has established disease management, medication titration, and group clinics at the GCBOC in the areas of hyperlipidemia, hypertension, diabetes, LMWH anticoagulation management, and formulary conversions.

Cynthia Johnston, PharmD, BCPS, BCOP is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Internal Medicine and is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Campbell University School of Pharmacy. She received her B.S. in pharmacy from the University of Connecticut and her PharmD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Johnston has extensive practice experience in the hospital setting. Her teaching responsibilities include pharmacotherapy of lung, colon, prostate and breast cancers, anemia management, pain management, and end-of-life care. Her practice interests include supportive care and she is a member of the inpatient Palliative Care Consultation Team.

Debra Wobbleton Kemp, PharmD, BCPS is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Durham VAMC and a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Pharmacy. She also serves as an Assistant Director of Pharmacy Education with the Duke AHEC. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and then completed a primary care specialty residency at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, NC. Prior to this position, Dr. Kemp worked at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center as a Clinical Pharmacist in ambulatory care specializing in anticoagulation management and dyslipidemia. Dr. Kemp has established group, individual and phone clinics at the Durham VAMC for the management of hyperlipidemia.

Radhika Kothapalli, PharmD is a Formulary Management Clinical Pharmacist. She earned a B.S. in Pharmacy in 1992 and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1995, both at the University of North Carolina. She completed a Pharmacy Practice residency at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital (1993) and an Ambulatory Care specialty residency at the Iowa City VAMC (1997). Prior to coming to the Durham VAMC, she worked for 4 years as an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Iowa City VAMC. In addition to her responsibilities in formulary management, Dr. Kothapalli is an instructor for the diabetes patient education class and Clinical Pharmacist for the Home Based Primary Care program (HBPC).

Jenny Legge, PharmD is a Primary Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Hillandale Road Outpatient Clinic. She graduated and received her Doctor of Pharmacy in 2004 from Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. She completed a pharmacy practice residency and primary care specialty residency at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. After completing her primary care residency, she accepted a position with the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center at the Hillandale Road Outpatient Clinic. Dr. Legge currently operates a Medication Management Clinic, which focuses on, but not limited to, drug therapy in the areas of hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, smoking cessation and medication compliance. In addition, she established a point-of-care anticoagulation clinic concentrating on warfarin and LMWH dosing. She is currently developing her skills to become a Certified Anticoagulation Care Provider.

Dee Melnyk, Pharm.D., CLS is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for the 8A Ambulatory Care Clinic and Endocrinology Lipid Clinic at the Durham VA Medical Center. She is also a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Division of Pharmacy Practice and Experiential Education at the School of Pharmacy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and serves as a research pharmacist for Health Services Research and Development with a focus on medication adherence and diabetes. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1999), completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at UNC Hospitals (2000), and specialty residency in Ambulatory Care at the Durham VA Medical Center and UNC School of Pharmacy (2001). Dr. Melnyk is Certified Lipid Specialist and has an established practice in disease state management in the areas of hyperlipidemia, hypertension, diabetes, anticoagulation management, smoking cessation, and COPD. Dr. Melnyk is an active member in ACCP and has spoken both locally and nationally on management of dyslipidemias.

Jennifer Schuh, PharmD is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Durham VA Medical Center in the Extend Care Rehabilitation Center (ECRC). She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at the Denver VA in Denver, Colorado and a geriatric specialty residency at Cleveland VA in Cleveland, Ohio. Currently, Dr. Schuh is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Campbell University and precepts fourth year pharmacy students.

Jennifer Taylor, PharmD is a clinical pharmacy specialist in anticoagulation. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina in 2002. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at the Durham VA Medical Center. Following her residency, she accepted a research position where she serves as the anticoagulation manager and study coordinator for a multicenter clinical trial.

Carrie Thomas, PharmD, CDE is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Raleigh Community- Based Outpatient Clinic (RCBOC). She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at the University of Virginia Health System and a primary care specialty residency at VCU Health System-Medical College of Virginia Hospitals & Physicians in Richmond, VA. Prior to coming to the Durham VAMC, she worked for six years at Grady Health System and served as program director for the Primary Care Specialty Residency and was a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in primary care. Dr. Thomas has established disease management and medication titration clinics at the RCBOC in the areas of hyperlipidemia, hypertension, diabetes, LMWH anticoagulation management, and formulary conversions. She has spoken nationally on establishing and justifying clinical services in an outpatient setting.

Mary L. Townsend, PharmD is an Assistant Professor with Campbell University School of Pharmacy in Buies Creek, NC and a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases at the Durham VA Medical Center. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Mercer University School of Pharmacy in Atlanta, Georgia. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at Duke University Health System and a specialty residency in Internal Medicine/Infectious Diseases/Academia with Campbell University School of Pharmacy at Duke University Health System in Durham, NC. Her areas of interest include HIV, nephrology, and cardiology.

Catherine Woodard, PharmD is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Durham VA Medical Center. She received her BS in Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC and her Doctor of Pharmacy from Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC. She completed a primary care residency at Mission Hospitals in Asheville, NC. Prior to starting at the Durham VA Medical center, she worked at Kaiser Permanente in Atlanta, GA as a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care and as an assistant professor for Campbell University. Dr. Woodard has established a drug information service at the Durham VA, as well as a pharmacy run hyperlipidemia service. She is also a preceptor of Campbell University students.

2007-2008 PGY-1 Residency Class

Kira Brice, PharmD is a current PGY1 resident. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her practice interests include primary care, diabetes and anticoagulation. Upon completion of her practice residency, she hopes to pursue a specialty residency in primary care or to obtain a position as a clinical practitioner.

Amy Lindstrom Clarke, PharmD is a current PGY1 resident. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to her Doctor of Pharmacy she received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Davidson College. Her interests include infectious diseases, internal medicine and ambulatory care. Upon completion of her pharmacy practice residency she plans to pursue a career as a clinical practitioner.



Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Durham, North Carolina
PGY-1 Residency Program Application

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Permanent Address:

Street (Apartment)	City	State	Zip Code
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Current Address:

Street (Apartment)	City	State	Zip Code
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Email address: _____ **Telephone #** _____

ASHP Residency Matching Program Number: _____

Please list the names and titles of the individuals whom you have requested to send letters. At least one letter should be obtained from your college professor.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Are you a US Citizen? _____
Please note that to be considered for a residency position, the VA requires you to be a US citizen.

Applications should include:

1. Application
2. Letter of Intent – Must include your goals/objectives for completing a residency, rationale for pursuit of residency at the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and long term goals post-residency
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Official transcripts for all pharmacy education
5. Three letters of recommendation + Recommendation Form– college professor, preceptor, and/or employer
Letter must include personal assessment of candidate’s academic performance.

Letters may be faxed directly to (919) 286-6987 or emailed to shajuana.mcmillan@med.va.gov or mailed to the address below.

Application materials should be directed to:

Shajuana D. McMillan, PharmD
PGY-1 Residency Director
Veteran Affairs Medical Center
Pharmacy Department (119)
508 Fulton Street
Durham, NC 27705

Application Due on January 9, 2008

