Residency Description

This is a one-year, pharmacy practice residency offered by the VA Salt Lake City Health Care System (VASLCHCS). It is designed to prepare pharmacists for advanced level practice in an ambulatory care setting. The resident will gain extensive experience in chronic disease state management while caring for patients with diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, anti-coagulant therapy, and chronic pain. We are looking for motivated individuals with a commitment to patient care. This residency is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists as a PGY1 residency.

Residency Goals and Objectives

The purpose of this residency is to produce a pharmacy practitioner with the knowledge, skills, abilities, and confidence to provide advanced level pharmaceutical care to patients in a primary care ambulatory care setting. The goal is to develop a practitioner especially skilled at chronic disease state management in the areas of diabetes, hyperlipidemia, hypertension, anticoagulation and chronic pain management. The resident will grow in their ability to work collaboratively with other health care providers, patients, and care-givers to achieve optimal therapeutic outcomes. Through a variety of teaching experiences, the resident will develop the ability to teach effectively. The resident will also be provided with the tools needed to improve patient safety and contribute to cost-effective, evidence-based pharmaceutical care. With the attitudes and skills developed during the residency, the pharmacist will strive for and be able to self-direct their continued professional growth and contribute to the advancement of the profession.

Training Site

The training site for this residency is based at one of our Community Based Outpatient Clinics located in Pocatello, ID. This clinic is a free standing unit of the VASLCHCS. It sees a typical Veteran population of approximately 40 general medicine patients per day and deals primarily with chronic maintenance care. A limited amount of urgent care is also provided. In addition, the clinic serves as a training site for Idaho State University health professions students. The clinic is staffed by three physicians, one nurse practitioner, one physician assistant, two pharmacists, and several nurses. All patient records and order entry are computerized. In addition to facilitating record retrieval, the computer system provides an efficient form of communication between the pharmacy resident and health care providers. This training site is notable for providing a highly collaborative, team-oriented environment.

Resident Duties and Responsibilities

The resident will have extensive patient contact and responsibility for approximately seven scheduled patient appointments per week, as referred by clinic prescribers. Other duties will include pain management, responding to clinic consult requests, shared responsibility for anticoagulation clinic and participation in both clerkship and case studies teaching. The resident will complete a research project for presentation at the Western States Conference for Pharmacy Residents.

Program Requirements

Successful completion of all program components, including completion and presentation of one formal research project. The program is 52 weeks in length. Upon successful completion, the resident will be awarded a certificate.

Location

Pocatello is the second largest city in Idaho. It is located on Interstate 15 about 140 miles north of Salt Lake City, Utah. Pocatello offers an excellent lifestyle and low cost of living. Located in southeastern Idaho, three hours north of Salt Lake City and four hours east of Boise. It is in close proximity to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Idaho is renowned for its outdoor recreation opportunities.

Applicant Qualifications

Excellent interpersonal skills, Pharm D degree from an ACPE accredited College of Pharmacy, eligibility for licensure in a state (preferably Idaho), and interest in ambulatory care in a primary care setting. U.S. citizenship and ability to successfully pass drug screening and a federal background investigation is required.

Stipend

Residents receive a competitive annual stipend, 13 paid holidays, sick leave, health care benefit package, free parking, office space, travel stipends to attend one national professional meeting, and one regional residency conference.

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Positions Available

One. Begins third week of June.

Application Procedure/Deadline

- A letter of interest stating your three most important professional goals
- Completed pharmacy practice residency application
- Curriculum vitae
- Official pharmacy school transcripts
- Three completed recommendation forms
- Mail application to residency program director

Deadline: January 20, 2011

An on-site interview is required. Candidate may also be interviewed at Salt Lake City location upon request.

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