

Post Graduate Year One (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency

A Diverse Pharmacy Practice Experience in the Heart of Indianapolis

The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center was established in 1997. The program emphasizes balanced training in clinical service (in both the inpatient and outpatient care areas), education, and research. Each curriculum is individualized to provide the resident an opportunity to build upon previously acquired knowledge and skills in order to confidently assume a progressive clinical role. Flexibility to accommodate many personal and professional goals for each resident is an important aspect of the residency program.

The residency consists of experience in a broad range of clinical pharmacy services including:

- Primary and Specialty Ambulatory Care Clinics
- Internal Medicine
- Medicine Intensive Care
- Surgery
- Pharmacist-Run Clinics
- Drug Information/Patient Safety
- Administration

Residents will also have the opportunity to participate in the development of new clinical services.



Throughout the year, residents will focus on the development of both sound clinical practice and accountability, which will include assessing the impact of recommendations on patient-care outcomes. A demonstrable desire to learn, a sincere career interest in pharmacy practice, and a dedication to fully meeting all objectives and requirements of the residency program are expected.

Other goals of the program include providing the resident with opportunities for experience in teaching and research. Residents will complete a teaching certificate program through Purdue and Butler University and will have several precepting and didactic teaching opportunities at both Purdue and Butler University. Residents will also be able to perform collaborative research with clinical faculty and staff at the Medical Center in addition to developing independent research programs.



The VAMC PGY1 Residency

Provides...

1) A developed plan for training and experience

- Opportunities in required rotations with flexibility for electives
- Ample teaching opportunities
- Clinical research opportunities
- Formal presentations
- Drug distribution experience
- Teaching certificate program
- BLS and ACLS certification

2) Direction for the development of professional goals and objectives

- Career development and guidance
- Flexibility to accommodate interests
- Mentorship program

3) A positive learning environment

- University teaching hospital
- Involvement with both Purdue and Butler University faculty
- Support from medical and pharmacy staff
- Encouragement to achieve an independent practice

4) Constructive and positive feedback

- Defined rotation goals
- Evaluation by preceptors

5) Professional contacts

- Contacts at two colleges of pharmacy
- Numerous presentations to a variety of healthcare members
- Participation in local residency forum to interact with other residents in central Indiana

Applicant Requirements

Applicants must be a US citizen, have a PharmD degree or have completed a minimum of three years of practice experience with demonstrated mastery of the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and abilities expected of one who has completed a PharmD degree, and if selected, obtain pharmacy licensure. Previous experience in hospital and community pharmacy practice and a sound academic record are also important considerations.

Application materials **must be submitted electronically through PhORCAS during the first week of January.**

Application materials are to include a letter of intent, curriculum vitae, completed application, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation.

After applications are reviewed, all qualified candidates will be contacted for an on-site interview.

For questions or further information, please contact:

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Residents will have several other opportunities to present formal presentations and journal clubs to pharmacy preceptors, medical and pharmacy staff, and students. In addition, each resident will present their project at the Great Lakes Residency conference.

This residency will prepare you to:

- Confidently perform as an independent practitioner in a variety of medical settings;
- Become an effective educator, leader, and professional; and
- Develop critical thinking and learning skills.

Clinical Rotations

Clinical rotations are offered in a variety of areas. Activities while on clinical services include medicine rounds, drug therapy monitoring, physical assessment, patient education, serving as a drug information resource, pharmacokinetic monitoring, and attendance at various conferences. Residents will also have the opportunity to become involved in ongoing research projects and teaching/precepting of pharmacy students.



Ambulatory Care (2 months + longitudinal)

Each resident will participate in several of the following clinics: Primary Care Clinics, Pharmacy Anticoagulation Clinic, and selected adult specialty clinics (Cardiology—HTN, HF, arrhythmias & lipids, Infectious Disease, Endocrinology, Pain, Psych, Vascular, Oncology, Neurology, Pulmonary, Rheumatology, etc.). The specific specialty clinics in which the resident participates will be based upon the resident's prior experience and individual interests.

Residents will participate in the Pharmacy Anticoagulation Clinic for one day each week for four months, and they will spend one-half day per week for three months each in a Primary Care clinic and then in one of the specialty clinics.

Through involvement in these components, each resident will develop skills in obtaining medication histories, counseling and monitoring patients, performing necessary physical assessment, assessing the appropriateness of medication regimens, and providing appropriate drug information to both patients, physicians, and other members of the healthcare team.



Internal Medicine (2 months)

Residents will gain experience in the various subspecialties of internal medicine, including: cardiology, pulmonology, endocrinology, infectious disease, gastroenterology, nephrology, and rheumatology.

Critical Care / Surgery (1 month each)

Residents will actively participate in the pulmonary, cardiac, and intensive care unit teams. Experience will be gained in such areas as antibiotic utilization, parenteral nutrition, intravenous cardiac therapy, pharmacokinetics, and post-surgical care. Residents will also participate in advanced cardiac life support situations.

Drug Info / Patient Safety (1 month)

The drug information and drug-use policy development experience provides residents with the opportunity to experience the medication use process within a health system. Residents will be involved with formulary management, medication use policies and processes, patient safety initiatives, and drug information activities.



Administration (1 month)

The administration rotation is with the Chief of the VA Pharmacy Service and residents will gain experience in problem solving, policy development, program planning and justification, personnel recruitment and management, financial management, and interprofessional and interdepartmental relations.

Stipend and Benefits of the Program

- Stipends are competitive per annual VA standards
- Thirteen vacation days and seven holidays
- Seven professional days for attendance at professional meetings and interviews
- Office space with computer
- Lab coats, pagers, and flash drives
- Copying privileges
- Medical Media access
- VA and University network