

# VA CHICAGO Jesse Brown VA Medical Center



820 South Damen, Chicago Illinois 60612  
Located in the Chicago Medical District  
And

333 East Huron Street, Chicago Illinois 60611  
Located near the Magnificent Mile

## Pharmacy Practice Residency (PGY 1)

Jesse Brown VA Medical Center is a tertiary care facility classified as a Clinical Referral Level II Facility. It is a teaching hospital, providing a full range of patient care services, with state-of-the-art technology as well as education and research. Comprehensive health care is provided through primary and tertiary care in the areas of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, neurology, oncology, dentistry and geriatrics. The Jesse Brown VA Medical Center has active affiliations with the Northwestern University Medical School and the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine. Over 900 University residents, interns, and students are trained each year.

The Jesse Brown VA Medical Center Pharmacy Practice Residency Program targets core areas of pharmacy practice, with emphasis on ambulatory care; an integrated inpatient/outpatient team approach to patient care is fostered. The program accommodates for individual experience and specific areas of interest. The

resident is exposed to quality assurance and medication use evaluation activities, and participates in formulary management through the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. The resident participates in training Pharm.D. candidates. Each resident conducts a research project and presents the results at the Great Lakes Residency Conference.

Clinical pharmacy services at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center are provided by pharmacists employed by the VA and the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy. Decentralized clinical pharmacists provide pharmaceutical care to the inpatient population. Ambulatory care involvement includes pharmacy-managed clinics, as well as participation in interdisciplinary primary care clinics with physicians, nurses and dietitians. Clinical faculty are widely recognized for practice, teaching and research excellence. VA Chicago is a major site for clinical practice training for University of Illinois College of Pharmacy Pharm.D. candidates.

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**Description:**

Residency Type/Duration:	Pharmacy Practice/ 12 months
Number of Positions:	7
Application Deadline:	January 10
Starting Date:	July 1
Estimated Stipend:	\$41,191
Interview Required:	On-Site
Benefits include:	13 vacation days, 13 sick days, 10 holidays.
ASHP Code	185513

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**Requirements for consideration include:**

- PharmD degree
- U.S. Citizenship
- letter of intent
- three (3) letters of recommendation from clinical clerkship preceptors
- college transcripts
- an on-site interview

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## **Pharmacy Practice Residency with Emphasis on Ambulatory Care**

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The goal of this program is to assist the resident in his or her professional development. Through experience in various practice settings, the resident matures into a well-rounded clinical practitioner.

### **Professional experience:**

#### *Required*

- Ambulatory Care
- Internal Medicine
- Specialty Medicine (Infectious Disease -including HIV clinics or Psychiatry)
- Practice Management
- Drug Information and Formulary Management

Experience in ambulatory care is continuous throughout the residency and includes the following clinics: *General Medicine, Anticoagulation, Smoking Cessation Clinics.*

#### *Electives*

- Psychiatry
- Ambulatory Care:
  - Gastroenterology (including Hepatitis C)
  - Genito-urinary
  - Erectile Dysfunction
  - Renal-Hemodialysis
  - Pain Management
  - Geriatrics
  - Tardive Dyskinesia
  - Clozapine clinics
  - Women's Health

Electives are available but not limited to these areas. Additional rotations may be made available at off-site locations.

### **Research Project:**

The resident will work on a research project. The project must be approved by the director of the residency program. Upon completion of the residency, the resident will submit a written copy of the project, suitable for publication, to the program director.

### **Preceptor for Pharmacy Students:**

The resident will gain experience in educating and serving as a preceptor for the University of Illinois Pharm.D. candidates.



