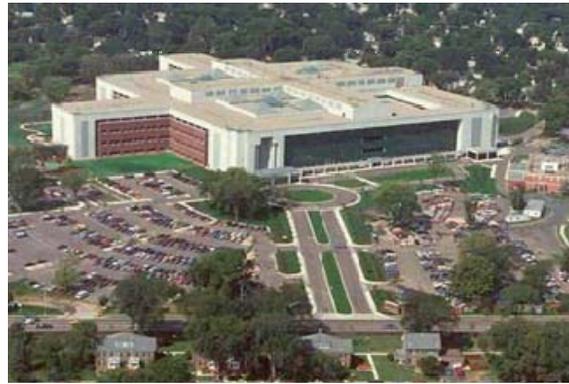


Application Requirements:

1. Register with ASHP
Resident Matching Program
2. Doctor of Pharmacy degree
3. Pharmacy licensure or test
Eligible
4. U.S. citizenship
5. Submit by January 15, 2009
 - Cover letter indicating why
Residency is desired
 - Transcripts from your
Pharmacy school curriculum
 - Three letters of support
 - Curriculum vitae with
Names and addresses of
references



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Pharmacy Practice Residency

(PGY-1)

Geriatrics Emphasis

**Minneapolis
VA Medical Center**



Overview

This one-year postgraduate pharmacy practice residency (PGY-1) accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP); provides a comprehensive year of education and experience with an emphasis in geriatric medicine. Core pharmacy practice rotations include: cardiology, critical care, internal medicine and pharmacy administration. Geriatric emphasis is comprised of year-long involvement with a geriatric (GRECC) specialty clinic as well as direct involvement in our Community Living Centers and Veterans Home. We provide flexibility for tailoring elective rotations based on resident interests.

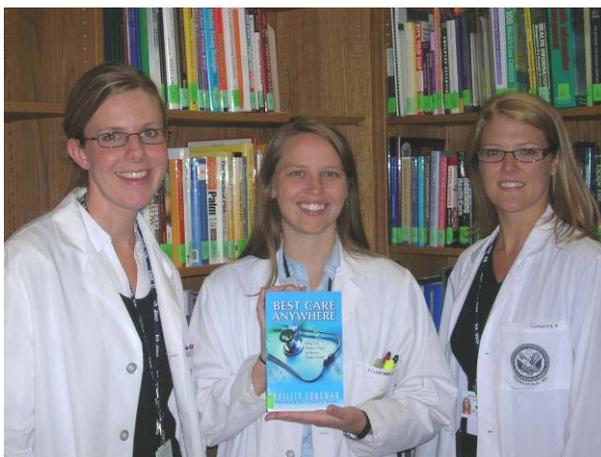
Experience

- Clinical Projects, rotation specific
- In-services, journal club, CEU presentations
- Drug information service
- Mentoring pharmacy students
- Active participation in the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
- Plan, design, and implement one major residency project.
- Core rotations: cardiology, critical care, internal medicine, administration
- Electives: warfarin clinic, Hep-C clinic, CHF clinic, PTSD clinic, women's clinic, primary care clinic, subspecialty clinic, chronic disease case management & many others.

Resident goals and objectives are planned and evaluated using the ASHP's Residency Learning System (RLS). ASHP ResiTrak web-based system allows for tracking resident progress and follow-up.

Conferences

- Residents are supported to attend-
- ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting (winter)
 - Midwest Residents Conference (spring)
 - MSHP Meetings (year 'round)



2008-2009 Residents Jocelyn, Meredith, Rebecca

Benefits

Residents are eligible for health insurance, vacation, dental and sick leave. Free on-site parking; the medical center is located on the Hiawatha light rail line.

Resident office space, computer, e-mail, world-class patient-centered electronic record system (CPRS) & evidence-based references at your fingertip; on-site medical media & library services.

Interdisciplinary courses, such as Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) are provided at no charge to the resident and are an expected integral part of residency training.

Stipend

The annual stipend is \$39,885. Opportunities exist to pick-up additional (non-residency) hours at a staff pharmacist wage to supplement the stipend; if the resident chooses to do so.

Twin Cities

Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area has a combined population over 2.4 million. The Twin Cities are nationally recognized for their arts, most notable are the Guthrie Theater, Minnesota Orchestra, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Science Museum and the Walker Art Center. The Mall of America is minutes from both the airport and the VAMC. Recreational activities span the four seasons and we are home to five professional sports team; Twins, Vikings, Timberwolves, Wild and St. Paul Saints.

VA Medical Center

The Minneapolis VA Medical Center is a tertiary referral center with 273 acute care diagnostic and treatment beds as well as 104 beds through the Community Living Center. VAMC provides over 750,000 outpatient visits annually through our Primary, Specialty and Community-Based outpatient Clinics. The VA Medical Center is designed to integrate patient care, education and research activities in order to provide State-of-the-Art medical care. We pride ourselves as a nationally known teaching hospital with students, interns, and residents refining their skills all year long to cultivate exceptional health care providers for our American Heroes.

VAMC Pharmacy

More than 65 pharmacists play a vital role in the delivery of patient care; working closely with physicians, nurses and other health care practitioners to ensure America's veterans receive the finest care. Pharmacists routinely interact one-on-one with veteran patients providing consultation and guidance on the use of medications. VA Pharmacists utilize the full scope of their skills and knowledge in their daily practice.