

evaluations through journal clubs, topic discussions and patient presentations. The resident will also be doing formal presentations and ACPE Continuing Education Programs for the pharmacy. During the course of the residency year, they will be completing the didactic and practical experiences to complete a Teaching Certificate Program through the University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy.

6. Resident Final Project

The resident will complete a major project, focused on an appropriate topic, which will afford him/her the opportunity to:

- Submit a formal written proposal to the local VA Investigational Review Board
- Present a poster at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
- Present at the Great Lakes Pharmacy Residency Conference
- Write a formal manuscript and consider submitting their research project for publication

7. Staffing Requirement

The resident will be required to staff 3 weekend shifts per month in the Inpatient Pharmacy and to provide coverage during staff lunch breaks one day a week in the Outpatient and Inpatient Pharmacy. The total staffing requirement is approximately 20 hours per month.

Residency Benefits

The resident will be appointed as a pharmacy employee of the Cincinnati Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Benefits include:

- \$42,678 stipend
- Health insurance
- Paid leave days: 13 vacation, 13 sick, 10 holiday
- Financial assistance and administrative leave for selected professional meetings
- ACLS certification
- Computers (PC/Internet)
- Office space, supplies and support
- Copying and medical media services
- Free Parking

Application Requirements

- United States Citizen
- Licensed Pharmacist (or in process of licensure)
- Letter of Intent
- Completed application
- Curriculum vitae
- Copy of all college transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation
- On site interview

Program Official

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Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Veterans Healthcare System of Ohio
Cincinnati, Ohio



Purpose of the Program

The residency is a one-year postgraduate training program intended to provide its graduates with a variety of advanced practice skills including:

- Functioning effectively as a pharmacist in multiple healthcare environments
- Functioning effectively as a member of an interdisciplinary primary care team
- Working under a collaborative practice agreement to provide direct patient care services including disease state management, patient education and wellness promotion
- Developing leadership skills in all areas of pharmacy practice management including continuous quality improvement, medication use evaluation, medication reconciliation, drug information, staff development and formulary management
- Developing and refining teaching, writing and speaking skills to ensure professionalism in providing patient/staff education and information
- Developing the ability to manage one's own practice
- Becoming a self-directed learner who takes personal responsibility for attaining excellence in one's ability to provide pharmaceutical care

Training Practice Sites

1. Primary Care Training

Each of the pharmacy residents will work as an integral part of the Primary Care Service at the Cincinnati VA Outpatient Clinics. The pharmacy resident will work under a collaborative practice agreement with the primary care providers to facilitate achievement of therapeutic goals through evidence-based disease state management. The pharmacy residents will each have three full months on this service as well as a longitudinal primary care clinic throughout the year that will provide them with an in-depth learning experience in primary care.

The pharmacy resident will have patients referred by the providers on the teams to their pharmacy clinic on a scheduled basis. The pharmacy residents will work independently with the patients to do a comprehensive interview and assessment of the patients' pharmaceutical care needs. They will then staff the patients with the Primary Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist preceptor and the referring physician to gain consensus for their proposed treatment plans. The pharmacy resident will be responsible for carrying out the treatment plans as well as the monitoring and necessary follow-up to ensure that the patient receives safe and effective therapies for all of their medical conditions.

2. Acute Care Learning Experiences

Each pharmacy resident will have at least three months of learning experiences in the acute care (inpatient) setting. They will have a month working with an internal medicine team, a month working with critical care team in the MICU or SICU and a third month on a team of their choosing. During all of these learning experiences, the resident will be provided with multiple opportunities to interact with their physician and nursing colleagues to provide direct patient care and to provide timely and

patient specific drug information. Additionally, they will train with Clinical Pharmacy Specialist preceptors in these areas to ensure they develop the knowledge and skills to become an effective acute care practitioner.

3. Pharmacy Administration Practice Management Learning Experience

Each Pharmacy resident will have a required learning experience working closely with the pharmacy Associate Chiefs to develop skills in all aspects of practice management and leadership.

4. Each Resident will have Four Elective Learning Experiences

These elective learning experiences may include oncology, surgery, additional medicine experiences, drug policy development/ pharmacoeconomics, teaching, industry or resident preference.

The residents will also engage in a variety of longitudinal learning experiences over the entire training year. These experiences include:

- Serving as the Drug Information Resident for the medical center for three months
- Working on a medication use evaluation project as part of the MUE Committee
- Working with the Associate Chief of Clinical Programs on newsletter articles, formulary management issues and adverse drug event reporting.

5. Teaching

The Pharmacy Service currently has affiliations with five colleges of pharmacy and serves as a training site for Pharm.D. students in a variety of practice settings. The pharmacy residents will be involved in a variety of teaching experiences throughout their residency year including precepting students in multiple learning experiences and facilitating student learning experiences including critical literature

