

# PGY1 Residency: Ambulatory Care Focus Program

**Program Description:** This ambulatory care focus PGY1 residency program develops the pharmacotherapy skills that will prepare a pharmacist to provide medication management services in virtually any ambulatory care setting. A 24-member ambulatory care clinical pharmacy team supports resident rotation and longitudinal learning experiences. Disease state management, patient education, and oral/written communication are emphasized. Management activities are longitudinal and include P&T committee meetings, pharmacoconomics, MUE, drug information, drug literature evaluation, and completion of a drug monograph. A research project will be designed and implemented with the assistance of faculty members. Because the ambulatory care teams are part of a Health-System, other learning opportunities include acute care medicine, specialty service clinics, mental health, geriatrics, HIV, anticoagulation, nursing home consulting, and smoking cessation. This program is highly flexible and allows individual advancement based on personal motivation and ability, including the opportunity to co-precept PharmD students.

The residency is fully accredited by ASHP and participates in the Residency Matching program. National Matching Services number is 145513.

**Training site:** Carl T. Hayden Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ. A modern VA medical center with ~40 clinical pharmacists providing direct patient care in a variety of settings including ambulatory care, acute care, long-term care, and psychiatry. Teaching activities include medical residency programs in internal medicine, surgery, and most specialties. Pharmacy service provides clerkships for students from the University of Arizona. The Phoenix VAMC is an accredited provider of continuing education - both ACPE and medical CME; educational opportunities include monthly pharmacy and medical conferences.

**Program Goals:** Upon completion of the PGY1 Ambulatory Care Focus Residency, the resident shall be able to:

1. Provide personalized pharmaceutical and ambulatory care services to promote an ethical, caring, trusting relationship and enhance patient outcomes in all settings
2. Develop problem solving and leadership skills
3. Demonstrate confidence and function competently
4. Develop knowledge of drug information systems, MUEs, and formulary management
5. Possess and maintain program development skills
6. Acquire and apply computer literacy
7. Develop a foundation in effective time management and other organizational skills
8. Be proficient in written and oral communication
9. Contribute well-designed research to the professional literature.

**Responsibilities:** The primary responsibility of the Ambulatory Care Resident is to provide pharmaceutical care and perform drug therapy monitoring of all patients assigned by the preceptor. The resident will rotate through various required clinical rotations and be under immediate supervision of a designated preceptor, until such time that the resident is prepared to assume more independent functions. The resident works in the inpatient pharmacy as part of weekend activities to gain inpatient and medication distribution experience. The resident is also responsible for the development, implementation and completion of a research project to be presented at the Western States Conference.

**Evaluation Process:** The Residency Learning System (RLS) is used as the formal evaluation tool. Self-evaluations based on residency goals and objectives allow the resident to monitor and evaluate his/her own progress throughout the course of the residency year. At the completion of each learning experience, the preceptor will complete a formal Summative Evaluation. Quarterly evaluations are completed with the residency director to monitor overall progress and to set goal during the year.

**See reverse side for Annual Rotation Schedule.**

**Fringe Benefits:** 13 days paid leave/13 days paid sick leave, paid administrative leave for CE meetings, 10 paid holidays, lab coat provided, free parking, subsidized health insurance plan options.

**Applicant Qualifications:** The applicant should possess a PharmD degree from an accredited college of pharmacy and must be eligible for licensure in any state. The state licensure process must be completed no later than October.

**Application Information:** Interested applicants should submit the application form, provide a letter of intent, curriculum vitae, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation using the enclosed forms by **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please forward to:

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