

<p style="text-align: center;">PGY1 RESIDENCY VA PITTSBURGH HEALTHCARE SYSTEM</p>

The VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System (VAPHS), in conjunction with the University of Pittsburgh, offers a PGY1 residency. The VAPHS has a 128 bed tertiary care facility that serves as the referral center for other VA hospitals in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The Healthcare System is also a teaching hospital closely affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh. A wide range of inpatient and outpatient services are provided, including: internal medicine, gastroenterology, cardiology, neurology, pulmonary medicine, hematology, oncology, geriatrics, liver transplantation, urology, general surgery, vascular surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, orthopedic surgery, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, and neurosurgery. The VAPHS also has a 396 bed, long-term care facility and a 267 bed, psychiatric hospital.

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE

It is essential for pharmacy graduates to obtain the level of knowledge and skills needed to become competent in pharmacy practice. The PGY1 residency is an organized, directed, postgraduate training program that centers on the development of the knowledge, attitudes and skills needed to promote rational drug therapy. The PGY1 residency provides residents with the opportunities to conceptualize, integrate, and transform accumulated experiences and knowledge into improved drug therapy. The PGY1 residency instills a philosophy of practice that embraces the concept that pharmacists must be responsible and accountable for optimal drug therapy outcomes.

The purpose of the PGY1 residency at the VA is to provide highly motivated pharmacists with the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to work independently as an integral member of the health care team to influence positive patient outcomes by optimizing drug therapy in any health care setting.

RESIDENCY EXPERIENCE

The residency provides an integrated experience in acute care, ambulatory care, drug information and practice management with an emphasis on primary care. The program is tailored to address the needs of the individual resident, while providing the basic foundation necessary for a high level of clinical pharmacy practice. Under the guidance of clinical faculty members at the VA, each resident gains invaluable experience in the following: internal medicine, geriatrics, infectious disease, drug information, administration, ambulatory care, drug use evaluation, pharmacy and therapeutics committee functions, and didactic and experiential education. Residents participate in journal club, prepare pharmacy newsletters, and provide staff and patient education. Elective rotations are available at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Project: A research project of publishable quality is required for satisfactory completion of the residency program.

Seminar: In order to successfully complete the program, the residents are required to present two interview quality seminars to peers, faculty, students and staff.

BENEFITS

The residency program offers a very competitive stipend, and the resident accumulates 13 days of vacation during the year. Educational leave is provided for attendance at professional meeting such as the ASHP midyear clinical meeting. Funding for meeting registration is available. Health insurance is also available through the VAPHS.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States.
2. The applicant must have graduated from an accredited college of pharmacy with an advanced degree.
3. The applicant must be eligible for licensure as a pharmacist in any state.

An interested candidate can apply by sending a letter of intent along with an application for federal employment, curriculum vitae, college of pharmacy transcript(s), and three letters of recommendation by January 15th to:

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