

Pharmacy Practice Residency

(Four positions with an emphasis on Pharmaceutical Care and
one position with an emphasis on Palliative Care)



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Pharmacy Practice Residency

The pharmacy practice residency program is a one-year residency in Pharmacy Practice with an emphasis on Pharmaceutical Care accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). The program, accredited since 1977, offers the opportunity to participate in the ongoing development and implementation of innovative clinical pharmacy services.

Palliative Care Residency

One Pharmacy Practice position has a focus in Palliative Care. We are one of six VA Medical Centers to receive an Interprofessional Fellowship Program in Palliative Care. The resident chosen for this position will receive not only the general resident training, but also participate in interdisciplinary training with the physician, nurse, social worker and chaplain trainee in various areas of palliative care.

Opportunities allow the resident to:

- Gain experience and develop clinical skills through problem identification and solution in a large pharmacy department of a teaching hospital
- Participate in ward rounds and pharmacy run clinics
- Develop and assess clinical plans through participation in weekly continuity clinic with primary provider
- Promote rational therapeutics through conduction of drug usage evaluations
- Develop communication skills by presenting formal in-services and drug reviews, publishing newsletters, and providing drug information and patient consultations
- Gain experience in research through designing, conducting and publishing a major project
- Design schedule to place emphasis on resident's areas of interest

Core learning experiences include:

- Administration
- Ambulatory Care
- Formulary Management
- General Medicine
- Inpatient/outpatient
- Long Term Care
- Infectious Disease

Longitudinal experiences include:

- Primary care-general medicine clinic with emphasis in Continuity of Care
- Adverse Drug Events (ADE) committee

Elective opportunities include repeating any of the above or the following specialties:

- Cardiology
- Drug Seeking Behavior Committee
- Hematology/Oncology
- Infectious Disease
- Investigational Drugs
- Liver and Kidney Transplant
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Critical Care

All residents are offered a multifaceted exposure to all areas of hospital pharmacy practice and opportunities to develop personal interest areas. Learning experiences may be structured to emphasize the resident's interests. This includes repeating core rotations if desired, as well as determining length of experience.

Training Activities

One of the primary objectives of the Medical Center is the training of health care professionals. The Pharmacy Service provides clerkship and externship training for Pharm.D. students from Oregon State University, University of the Pacific and University of Southern California. The Resident serves as a preceptor and participates in the training of some of these students. There are also opportunities to give pharmacotherapy lectures at the OSU College of Pharmacy at OHSU.

Research

The Medical Center is extensively involved in a number of research protocols and thus has an active Subcommittee on Human Subjects Committee. There are 4 pharmacist members, 2 of whom are the research drug pharmacists involved in the coordinating of investigational drug protocols.

For successful completion of the Residency, the Resident is expected to complete a project that is acceptable for publication.

Pharmacy Services

The Pharmacy Service employs 52 pharmacists that include 3 pharmacy supervisors, a pharmaco-economic program specialist, 29 clinical pharmacy specialists, and 57 technicians. Twenty-four hour centralized medication management and IV admixture services are provided. Facets of current clinical services include ambulatory care clinics, anticoagulation clinic, critical care, depression clinic, diabetes clinic, general medicine, geriatric clinic, kinetic monitoring, infectious disease, lipid clinic, long-term care, movement disorder clinic, oncology, palliative care team, psychiatry, pulmonary clinic and transplant.

The Medical Center

The Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center is a 200-bed general medical hospital with two divisions – one located in Southwest Portland and one in Vancouver, Washington. It is a university-affiliated institution and serves as the site of clinical education for numerous professional schools in the area. The Oregon Health and Science University is attached via sky-bridge to the V. A. Medical Center.

The Medical Center offers a modern physical facility with a strong commitment to excellence in patient care, teaching and research.

Benefits

- Stipend: \$39,000 + hourly salary for required weekend staffing
- 13 days of vacation
- 13 days of sick leave
- Paid holidays
- Medical/life insurance
- Education/professional leave

Requirements for Application:

- U.S. Citizenship
- Graduation from accredited School or College of Pharmacy (or eligible)
- A letter of intent
- Official transcript from the School of Pharmacy
- Three Letters of recommendation
- One recent photograph (passport-sized, need not be official)
- Personal Qualifications Statement (VA Form 10-2850c) and the Declaration of Federal Employment (OF 306) available from government agencies or at Federal Job Information Centers). Applications must be postmarked by January 27, 2007

Applicants for the Pharmacy Practice Residency Program are selected through the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Residency Matching Program. There will be 2 match numbers for the 2 types of positions (Pharmacy Practice and Pharmacy Practice w/ focus on Palliative Care), thus allowing candidates to select one or both positions during the match.

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