

Post Graduate Residency Program

VAMC Tennessee Valley
Healthcare System



The ASHP accredited post graduate year one (PGY1) residency program at the VA Tennessee Valley offers a unique training experience. The residency program is designed to provide the resident with opportunities to conceptualize, integrate, and transform accumulated experiences and knowledge into improved drug therapy and patient outcomes. Pharmacists completing our program will participate in interdisciplinary rounds and provide direct patient care in multiple patient care environments. These pharmacists will exercise skill in educating other health care professionals, trainees, and patients; demonstrate leadership and time management through project management; and develop interpersonal skills necessary for team functioning.

The Training Sites

Within VISN 9, the VA Tennessee Valley Health-care System is comprised of the Murfreesboro campus and Nashville campus and outpatient clinics throughout middle and eastern Tennessee and southern Kentucky.



The system is affiliated with medical schools at Vanderbilt University and Meharry Medical College and pharmacy schools at the University of Tennessee Memphis, Mercer University, and Samford University. This creates an environment that is exciting and rich with resident learning experiences. TVHS is also associated with the VA's GRECC program providing specialized resident training and experiences in the geriatric specialty area.

Residency Training Program

The training and education of residents is an important component of pharmacy service. The services provided by the resident will complement existing clinical pharmaceutical care. The resident will be directly involved in and have responsibility for providing patient oriented pharmaceutical services. The ASHP required objective concerning the dispensing experience is met without any longitudinal "staffing" requirement. The resident will develop the knowledge and skills required to become a competent clinical practitioner through required training in the following areas of pharmacy practice:

- Long Term Care/Geriatrics
- Medication Use/Drug Information
- Project Management
- Acute Medicine & Antibiotic Surveillance
- Primary Care/Anticoagulation Clinic

- IV Admixtures
- Bone Marrow Transplant/Chemotherapy Preparation
- Cardiology & Cardiology Critical Care

Residency Program Electives

Elective rotations are intended to provide additional experience in specific areas of interest. Electives may be chosen from psychiatry, infectious disease, geriatrics, pharmacoeconomics, clinical practice management, and nutrition.

Clinical Pharmacy Specialists

17 Clinical Pharmacy Specialists (CPSs) are assigned to a variety of practice specialities. These include medicine, primary care, nutrition, geriatrics, critical care, cardiology, bone marrow transplant, oncology, and long term care. Inpatient services include interdisciplinary team rounds. General clinical services include formulary management, drug information, adverse drug reaction detection and reporting, medication reconciliation, medication use evaluation, and chemotherapy IV admixtures. Primary care services include management of dyslipidemia, diabetes, heart failure, hypertension, and anticoagulation. CPSs have scopes of practices which include prescribing authority, laboratory/procedure ordering, and entry of

computerized patient progress notes.



Residency Strengths

- Federal medical insurance included
- 17 Preceptors, many with board certification
- Clinical experience at 2 different campuses and 1 community based outpatient clinic
- Flexible rotations tailored to resident interest areas
- Interdisciplinary team rounds
- Direct patient care/disease management clinics
- Experience with clinical privileges, scopes of practice, and clinical documentation of care
- Exposure to provider order entry, electronic patient medical record, and barcode medication administration
- Precepting of students from 3 pharmacy schools
- Living in/around Nashville (sports, music)
- No longitudinal staffing required

Program Information

Program Number: 191013

Length: 1 year

Stipend includes healthcare coverage

Personal Time Off: 12 days plus holidays

Start Date:

Varies depending on the first day of the pay period.

Application Information:

1. Letter of Intent to Apply
2. Pharm. D. Degree
3. On Site Interview
4. 3 Letters of Recommendation
5. Curriculum Vitae
6. Official Transcript

Due Date: January 15th

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