

About the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center

The James H. Quillen VA Medical Center is a comprehensive healthcare facility serving the needs of over 50,000 Veterans in Northeast Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, Western North Carolina and Southeast Kentucky. It is a tertiary care facility offering primary care, inpatient care, domiciliary care, nursing home care, home health care and outpatient specialty care in an environment of teaching, research and emergency preparedness.

In addition to providing acute care, the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center offers geriatric and rehabilitation services through its 120-bed Community Living Center. The facility also operates a 295-bed domiciliary that offers a variety of treatment options, which include a homeless inpatient treatment program and homeless outreach.

The medical center includes a VA-staffed Outpatient Clinic in Knoxville, Tennessee with over 13,000 patients receiving care and a community-based clinic (CBOC) in Morristown, Tennessee. A VA-staffed clinic in Bristol, Virginia opened in December 2008 provides primary care services to 5000 patients. The VA-staffed clinic in Norton, Virginia was opened in March 2008 and serves 3,000 Veterans. Additionally, three outreach clinics have opened in Jonesville, Vansant and Marion, Virginia as satellite clinics for the Bristol and Norton CBOC's. The Rogersville, Tennessee VA-staffed CBOC opened in May 2009 and will serve 2,000 patients when fully activated. Two additional CBOCs in Sevier and Campbell County, Tennessee are planned in the future.



Application Instructions

Candidates should submit the following by January 15, 2012:

- Letter of Intent describing personal goals for residency training
- Curriculum Vitae
- Official Transcripts
- Three Personal References (use ASHP recommendation templates)
- This program participates in and adheres to the rules of the National Resident Matching Program
- NMS Code 188513



This program is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Apply To:

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PGY1 Pharmacy Residency 2012-2013

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Program Overview

JHQVAMC Pharmacy Service provides comprehensive pharmaceutical care to both inpatient and outpatient veterans. With a staff of 45 pharmacists, 27 technicians, 3 student techs, 2 LPNs, a PhD pharmacoeconomist, and administrative and support staff, the program appears large, but in fact, it is one of the most efficient pharmacies in the VA system.

The inpatient pharmacy is open to serve the Veterans and house staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All medications sent to the ward are bar-coded and IVs are bar-coded for both a specific patient and a specific strength of the ordered medication. Acute care clinical pharmacists work with surgeons and hospitalists as part of the teaching teams in addition to an ID clinical pharmacy specialist, a critical care clinical pharmacy specialist, and a new clinical pharmacist in the Emergency Department. These pharmacists are able to work closely with the teaching teams, prospectively following patients and intervening when necessary to provide the most comprehensive pharmaceutical care to our veteran patients.

On the outpatient side, the pharmacy processes 3,000 prescriptions daily from Mountain Home and the Knoxville Outpatient Clinic and Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) of, Morristown, Rogersville, Norton and Bristol. Counseling on medications is only one of the patient-centered services provided by this dedicated pharmacy team.

In addition to the inpatient clinical programs, a large part of the Pharmacy Service patient-care programs are located in the outpatient setting. Clinical Pharmacy Specialists manage all warfarin patients, actively participate in direct pharmacotherapy management as part of the Patient Aligned Care Teams in Primary Care, and are dedicated team members of the multidisciplinary Diabetes Clinics. Pharmacists also care for patients in the Community Living Center (CLC) and Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) programs, Internal Medicine Clinics, and Specialty Clinics. In addition to working in the clinic areas, these pharmacists also manage the non-formulary drug request program.

Residency Purpose

The James H. Quillen VA Medical Center PGY 1 Pharmacy Practice Residency provides the pharmacy resident with a challenging and comprehensive program to improve clinical, educational, research, and practice management skills. The program will develop the resident's ability to transform accumulated knowledge and clinical experience to a final outcome of improved patient care, and fully prepare the resident for general clinical pharmacy practice or continued PGY 2 specialty training.

Learning Opportunities

The resident will rotate through various experiences at the medical center inpatient and outpatient care programs. Core rotations include an ambulatory care track (anticoagulation management, diabetes clinic, primary care medical home), an acute care track, and geriatrics. Elective rotations include infectious diseases/HIV,, psychiatry, oncology, teaching certificate program, cardiology and other possible clinical learning experiences. The resident will participate in patient and staff education, present formal lectures and case discussions, and precept 4th year pharmacy clerkship students. In addition, the resident will participate in pharmacy administration and general operations and conduct a research project during the residency year. A Teaching Certificate and teaching opportunities are available through the ETSU Gatton College of Pharmacy located on the VA Campus.



Eligibility (at time of program matriculation)

- US Citizen
- Graduate of a degree program in pharmacy (Doctor of Pharmacy) from an ACPE accredited school
- Hold an unrestricted, active pharmacy license (or be eligible for licensure in any US state or territory).
- Satisfactory physical examination (may include drug testing)
- English language proficiency

Stipend and Benefits

- Stipend: \$41,098
- 13 Paid Vacation Days
- 13 Paid Sick Days
- 10 Paid Holidays
- Travel allowances to ASHP MCM and Spring Residency Conference
- Federal Health/Life Insurance

Community Profile

Johnson City is located in northeastern Tennessee, and with a population of 60,000, and is located in the fourth largest metropolitan area in the state of Tennessee. Johnson City is also the largest of the Tri-Cities, which also includes Kingsport and Bristol. Johnson City was established by Henry Johnson in 1856 as "Johnson's Depot," a railroad station that evolved into one of the southeast's major railway centers. Set in a region known as America's First Frontier, Johnson City is "Where the Pioneer Spirit Began"—it is a historically significant and culturally rich community surrounded by an abundance of unspoiled natural beauty. The area is world-renowned for its modern and traditional Appalachian and bluegrass music, art and cuisine, storytelling and outdoor recreation for the whole family throughout all four seasons.