

# VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System Postgraduate Year One Pharmacy Residency

The VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System (TVHS) is an integrated healthcare organization comprised of two campuses in Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and over ten community-based outpatient clinics located throughout middle Tennessee and southern Kentucky. The system is affiliated with Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and Meharry Medical College as well as schools of pharmacy at the University of Tennessee, Samford University, Belmont University, and Lipscomb University. Between the two medical center campuses, there is an extensive range of medical and clinical pharmacy services that allows for the optimal training and teaching environment.



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pharmacoeconomics, and clinical practice management. Over 20 clinical pharmacy specialists are assigned to these areas and have scopes of practice which include prescribing authority, laboratory ordering, and entry of computerized patient progress notes. Many of the clinical pharmacy preceptors are board certified by the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties and have been practicing for years in their particular area of expertise.

The ASHP-accredited Postgraduate Year One (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency at the VA TVHS began in 1991 and has greatly expanded since. Residents rotate through experiences at the two campuses during the year and will develop the knowledge and skills required to become a competent clinical practitioner. Rotations are available in primary care, acute medicine, cardiology critical care and heart failure, geriatrics, nutritional support, anticoagulation management, long-term care, medication reconciliation, home-based primary care, psychiatry, palliative care, chemotherapy preparation,



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## Benefits:

Healthcare insurance, optional dental and vision insurance plans, 13 vacation days, 10 paid holidays, sick leave, and administrative leave for professional meetings

## Residency Strengths:

- Exposure to various clinical practice settings
- Flexible rotations tailored to resident's interest areas
- Interdisciplinary team rounds
- Direct patient care/disease management clinics
- Experience with clinical privileges
- Supportive and collaborative research training and participation
- Precepting of Pharm.D. students
- Living in and around Nashville, better known as "Music City USA" and home of the Tennessee Titans NFL and Nashville Predators NHL teams

## Application Requirements:

- Applicants must have completed a Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum from an accredited school of pharmacy with a GPA of 3.0 or above and have no "D's" in their therapeutics courses.
- All applicants must participate in the ASHP Residency Matching Process.
- All applicants must have U.S. citizenship.

## Application Materials Required:

- Letter of intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- Official college of pharmacy transcript
- Three formal letters of recommendation, preferably from rotation preceptors

## Application Deadline: January 5th

*(Notification of an interview date will occur no later than February 15th. An interview is required for all qualified applicants.)*

## Program Number: 191013

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