

## Elective Opportunities

Residents may choose two electives during the year. The elective time is used to tailor specific interests of the resident within the training program. Common electives are cardiology, infectious diseases, critical care, extension of ambulatory care, medical subspecialty, pain, and oncology. It is possible for one elective to be done outside SAVAHCS. The requirements for this elective are having an established residency program and the willingness of the preceptor to have a resident from SAVAHCS.

## Benefits

The residency program provides a competitive stipend. Residents can accumulate 13 days of paid vacation time and have 10 holidays per year. Sick leave is accrued at the rate of 4 hours every two weeks. Health insurance is available. Educational leave is provided to attend the Arizona Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists Annual Meeting, The Midyear Clinical Meeting, and the Western States Conference for Pharmacy Residents, Fellows, and Preceptors. Travel funds are available to offset some of the expenses for these educational meetings.

## Qualifications

All residents must be United States citizens and have graduated from an American Council on Pharmaceutical Education accredited college or school of pharmacy. All pharmacy residents are required to become licensed, but they can be licensed in any of the United States.

## How to Apply

Interested candidates may apply by sending a letter of interest, a copy of the applicant's curriculum vita, all college transcripts, one example of technical writing such as a drug information question or drug monograph that has been submitted for college of pharmacy credit. All applicants must submit three letters of recommendation to the Residency Program Director before January 15.

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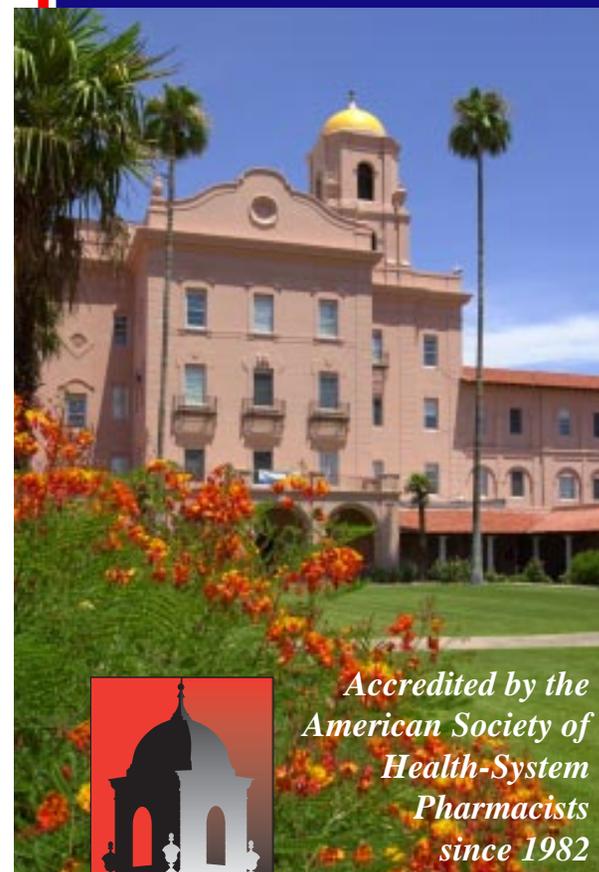
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# Postgraduate Year 1 Pharmacy Residency Program



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**Southern Arizona  
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Tucson, Arizona**



## Residency Program in Pharmacy Practice

The Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS) in Tucson, Arizona is a 200 bed general medical/surgical hospital and a 100 bed geriatrics and extended care unit. A total of five primary care teams are located in Tucson and five community based clinics are located throughout Southern Arizona. SAVAHCS staff provides care to over 36,000 patients annually. A wide range of inpatient and ambulatory care services are provided including internal medicine, primary care, surgery, neurology, infectious diseases, nephrology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, rheumatology, pulmonary medicine, cardiology, oncology, and mental health.

## Residency Goals and Objectives

The goals of the residency program are to train pharmacists to develop the skills necessary to ensure optimal delivery of drug therapy to all patients, analyze and disseminate drug information to health care professionals and patients, investigate therapeutic problems in a scientific manner, and enhance the verbal and written communication skills of the resident. The residents will be expected to provide care to a wide range of patients, become leaders in the medication use process, manage practice, function competently and in partnership with other providers, and teach at an appropriate level when the residency is completed.

## Program Description

The residency program is a 12 month period of education and experience designed to provide ongoing pharmacy clinical activities while promoting the resident's needs. The resident's experiences throughout the year will include internal medicine, critical care, parenteral nutrition, primary care, therapeutic drug monitoring, drug information, drug policy development, and the specialties listed previously. The program provides clinical experience with a broad range of patients and disease states. Residents will work collegially with physicians and nurse practitioners along with having their own continuity clinic. During the year, each resident will give presentations such as patient management conferences, inservices to nurses and physicians, journal club, and a formal staff development seminar. Residents are also provided opportunities to teach pharmacy students from the University of Arizona. A research project is required and each resident will present the results at the Western States Conference for Pharmacy Residents, Fellows, and Preceptors in Pacific Grove, California.

## Residency Preceptors

All pharmacists on staff provide direct patient care and assist in the education of the pharmacy residents. Clinical pharmacy specialists practice in the following areas: primary care, internal medicine, surgery, rehabilitation, interim care, geriatrics, cardiology, critical care, oncology, spinal cord injury, gastroenterology, endocrinology, infectious diseases, nephrology, pulmonology, geriatrics, and hospice. Preceptors place a high value on the residents and are always accessible.

## Drug Information & Drug Policy Development

Drug information and drug policy development activities occur throughout the residency year. All of these experiences are longitudinal experiences that provides residents experience in managing a practice. Each resident will prepare drug monographs and drug usage evaluations for the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. Residents participate in adverse drug reaction reporting, and pharmacy quality improvement programs. Each resident will gain experience in writing, editing, and publishing a medical staff and a patient pharmacy newsletter.

## Typical Resident Schedule

<b>July</b>	<b>Orientation</b>
<b>July/August</b>	<b>Internal Medicine</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Geriatrics Clinic</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Elective</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Surgery</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Primary Care</b>
<b>January/February</b>	<b>Internal Medicine</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Interim Care</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Surgery</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Elective</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Primary Care</b>

Residents also provide weekend inpatient pharmacist coverage. Generally, this is one weekend each month. The clinical and distributive functions of a pharmacist will be performed during this time.

