Dear Pharmacy Practice Residency Applicant,

The pharmacy practice residency with the Veterans Affairs (VA) Salt Lake City Health Care System (HCS) is a 12-month ASHP accredited Post-Graduate Year 1 (PGY1) training program.

Our program incorporates VA's *three* core guiding principles- *people centric, result driven* and *forward thinking* to develop your knowledge, skills and abilities to provide effective, value-driven pharmaceutical care to America's veterans.

We offer *core learning experiences* in inpatient and outpatient pharmacy practice, drug-information, medicine, primary care (continuum of learning experiences in primary care areas), critical care, psychiatry, addiction/detoxification, and pharmacy management. *Elective learning experiences* are offered in infectious disease, surgery, rehabilitation medicine, palliative care/pain management, and pharmacoeconomics. *Off-site learning experiences* are offered to accommodate an applicant's specific training goals, such as neurology, oncology and managed care. We solely use the Residency Learning System (RLS) approach to evaluate and enable the resident to become proficient in pharmaceutical care as established within the ASHP practice standards for a general pharmacy practice residency.

Residents complete a *research project*, and present findings at the Western States Conference (*Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, CA).* Residents are also required to prepare and present a *continuing education* credit program sponsored by Utah Society of Health System Pharmacists: residents prepare and give a power point presentation on a topic at the annual pharmacy residency summit. Residents have the opportunity to present patient cases and journal clubs, review medication safety before the pharmacy & therapeutics committee and perform drug utilization evaluations. Our *staffing requirement* includes 2-weekend day shifts per month; residents typically perform medication reconciliation and address various pharmaceutical care needs of veterans. We do not require our residents to perform distributive functions. Residents complete an *ACLS certification* early in the residency year and are eligible to participate with the code blue response team while on their critical care rotation.

Residents are considered federal employees, receive a competitive stipend, health insurance, and paid leave (vacation, sick and holidays) per VA policies. We provide office space, computer and printer, office supplies, medical media support and free parking. We also offer financial assistance and administrative leave for attending selected professional meetings. Most residents obtain their pharmacist license from a state within 60 days of appointment; failure to obtain pharmacist license within 90 days of program is a ground for termination.

Interested applicants should submit the following documents on or before the deadline:

a) Letter of interest stating their *three* most important professional goals (*must be signed*)
b) Curriculum vitae
c) Residency application form (*request from: Ravindra.Pathak@va.gov or download from our ASHP listing*)
d) Transcripts
e) *Three* recommendation forms (*may be sent electronically from recommender)*

Sincerely,

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