



# McGuire VA Medical Center PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency

Richmond, Virginia

Our program is a one-year, full-time, ASHP-accredited training program that includes extensive experience in providing comprehensive pharmaceutical care to the veteran population. Our program has a strong focus in primary care.

## Program Purpose

Pharmacists completing this residency will be able to effectively manage their own practice and function competently and confidently in multiple health care environments. They will be accountable for achieving optimal drug therapy outcomes as members of the health care team. These pharmacists will exercise skill in educating other health care professionals, patients, and students on drug related topics. They will demonstrate a style of practice which reflects self-initiation, problem solving, self-assessment and advancement of the profession of pharmacy. Graduates of the program should be able to develop, implement and maintain clinical pharmacy services in a variety of primary healthcare delivery settings. Program graduates should possess the capabilities of recognizing, stimulating and participating in administrative and clinical research and will be qualified to assume a leadership position in clinical pharmacy. Upon completion of the program, these pharmacists will possess marketable skills for the current and future job environment.



*Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center is a more than 400 bed tertiary referral medical center serving approximately 45,000 veterans annually. Our medical center is a teaching facility with an academic affiliation with VCU Medical Center and the Medical College of Virginia.*



## Longitudinal Rotations

Pharmacotherapy Clinic  
Anticoagulation Management Clinic  
Decentralized Outpatient Pharmacy  
Inpatient Pharmacy Services

## Core Rotations

Drug Information  
Geriatrics  
Internal Medicine  
Mental Health  
Pharmacy Management

## Elective Rotation Topics

Endocrinology  
Polytrauma  
Spinal Cord Injury  
Tobacco Cessation  
ID/HIV/Hepatitis C  
....and more!

## Outcomes

The required outcomes of this residency program are:

- Manage and improve the medication-use process.
- Provide evidence-based, patient-centered medication therapy management with interdisciplinary teams.
- Exercise leadership and practice management skills.
- Demonstrate project management skills.
- Provide medication and practice-related education/training.
- Utilize medical informatics.
- Conduct pharmacy practice research.
- Exercise added leadership and practice management skills.

## Overview of the Curriculum

- Longitudinal and core rotations
- Inpatient pharmacy staffing
- Variety of electives available to suit residents' interests
- Clinical and didactic teaching to pharmacy students, including optional participation in the Teaching and Learning Certificate Program offered by the VCU/MCV School of Pharmacy
- Teaching and presentations, including clinical seminars, case conferences, journal club discussions
- Topic discussions, including sessions to prepare for board certification
- Research project

## Progressive Practice Setting

- VA has a fully comprehensive electronic medical record (CPRS)
- Residents work under their pharmacy preceptors' scopes of practice and prescriptive authority
- Longitudinal rotations afford residents the opportunity to see the benefits of continuity of care

## Resident Benefits

- Annual stipend (\$41,929 in 2011-2012)
- Extra income from staffing requirements
- Vacation and sick leave accrue throughout the year
- Federal holidays
- Medical and life insurance are available
- Travel to the Eastern States Residency Conference
- Administrative leave for other professional meetings



*Richmond, the capital of Virginia, is a city of approximately 200,000 citizens. The city consistently ranks among "Best Places to Live and Work in America" in several national publications. While offering easy access to the ocean and mountains, Richmond features historic landmarks and neighborhoods, trendy shopping and restaurants, and outdoor activities.*

## Qualification of Applicants

All applicants must be United States citizens, must be licensed pharmacists or eligible for licensure in at least one state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, and must possess a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from a school or college of pharmacy accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education. If not licensed at the beginning of the residency, the resident will make arrangements for examination as soon as possible. Failure to become a licensed pharmacist by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the residency year may be grounds for disciplinary action. Applicants must be in good physical and mental health and of good moral character and personality; they must have recommendations from members of their college faculty. They must possess the unique aptitude and motivation to practice pharmacy, especially in the primary care setting, and have the capacity to work effectively in this area.

## Application Procedure

Since January 2008, the McGuire VAMC residency has been authorized for four residency positions. Application materials should be sent to:

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## Application Requirements

- Letter of intent
- [Standard Form - Application for Associated Health Occupation \(VA Form 10-2850c\)](#)
- [Declaration for Federal Employment \(OPM Form OF-306\)](#)
- Transcripts of all college work (certified copies are acceptable)
- *Curriculum Vitae*
- Three letters of reference from instructors must be included; instructors who have observed the candidate's clinical skills are preferred. (can be mailed separately from application packet)

The application deadline is the second Friday in January. Applications will be reviewed, and on-site interviews will be extended to selected candidates. Candidates will be ranked and positions filled using the National Matching Service.



Email [Meredith.Bremer@va.gov](mailto:Meredith.Bremer@va.gov) for more information.  
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