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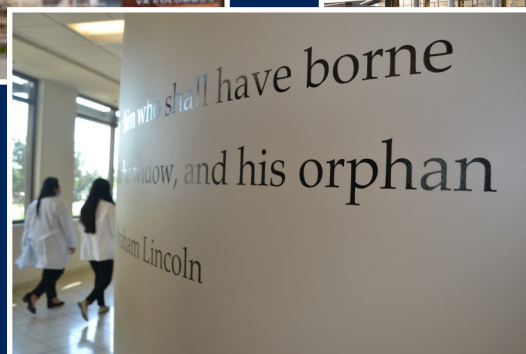


U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration



# Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System PGY1 Pharmacy Residency

Montgomery & Tuskegee, AL



Accredited by American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

## About the Facility

The Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System was established January 1, 1997, from the merger of the Montgomery and Tuskegee VA Medical Centers. Along with seven community-based outpatient clinics, these sites serve more than 134,000 Veterans living in a 43-county area of Alabama and Georgia. VA Central Alabama Health Care exists to provide excellent services to Veterans across the continuum of healthcare. A wide range of inpatient and ambulatory care services are provided in the medical center including internal medicine, primary care, surgery, infectious disease, endocrinology, cardiology, gastroenterology, and mental health.

## About the Program

The PGY1 pharmacy residency is an ASHP-accredited, 12-month postgraduate training program beginning in the first week of July. Three applicants are selected through the National Matching Service (NMS) to complete the program.

The program consists of seven required rotations and three elective rotations, each of five weeks duration. Additionally, the residents will be required to participate in four longitudinal experiences. Aside from the requirements of the practice experiences, residents are also responsible for providing inpatient staffing every third weekend.



## About the Area

Montgomery may be known for world changing historic events like the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement, but it also has the cool, cosmopolitan feel of a big city. Thanks to a dramatic downtown revitalization, this charming southern town is quickly becoming a must-see destination in the Southeast and offers everything from eclectic culinary experiences and world renowned arts and culture, to a hip nightlife scene and the best of family fun. Montgomery is the capital of Alabama, and is located 90 minutes south of Birmingham and 60 minutes west of Auburn. Montgomery is only a short day drive down to the sugary, white sands of the Gulf of Mexico or up to the bustling streets of Atlanta, Georgia.

## How to Apply

### Application Requirements

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, graduate of an accredited school of pharmacy, and hold an active pharmacy license or be eligible for licensure in any U.S. state or territory. All applicants must participate in the ASHP Resident Matching Program.

### Application Process

Candidates should complete a standard application in the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service, PhORCAS, at <http://www.ashp.org/phorcass>. Requirements for completed applications include:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Intent
- Official Pharmacy School Transcript
- Three Letters of Reference

### Application Deadline

All application materials must be submitted via PhORCAS by the first Friday after January 1st .

### Interview Notification

Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than the end of February each year.

### Position Appointment

Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of physical exam (including drug test). Applicants must meet all requirements for federal employment.

*Note: CAVHCS pharmacy residency program agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant. The program adheres to the rules of the ASHP Pharmacy Resident Matching Program.*

## Benefits

- Stipend: Estimated \$41,742/year
- Eleven paid federal holidays per year
- Thirteen days of paid annual leave
- Thirteen days of paid sick leave
- Health insurance
- Administrative leave for attendance to the ASHP Mid-year Clinical Meeting and/or Southeastern Residency Conference (SERC)



# Learning Experiences

## Required

- Orientation
- Internal Medicine/Acute care
- Ambulatory Care I
- Ambulatory Care II
- Anticoagulation
- Home-Based Primary Care/Community Living Center
- Psychiatry I

## Required Longitudinal

- Interprofessional Mental Health
- Practice Management/Drug Information
- Residency Project/Presentations
- Professional Writing and Publications
- Acute Care Staffing

## Electives

- Academia
- Infectious Disease
- Inpatient Psychiatry
- Women's Health
- Pain
- Substance Use Disorders (SUD)
- Academic Detailing

## Longitudinal Elective Opportunity:

Residency Teaching and Learning Program offered by Auburn University, Harrison College of Pharmacy

*\*Residents may choose to repeat a required experience as an elective if no more than one-third of the twelve-month program is conducted with a specific patient population or practice area.*

## Contact Information

All correspondence should be directed to :

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## Current Residents

### Elizabeth Brooks



Beth Brooks, Pharm.D. graduated from Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy in May of 2021. She is originally from Bowling Green, Kentucky and made the move to Alabama in 2017 to attend pharmacy school. Her current professional interest is primary care, and she hopes to continue her career in VA after residency. During her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, watching movies and trying new coffee shops.

### Shelby Buller



Shelby Buller, Pharm.D. was born and raised in southern Minnesota before attending South Dakota State University. She completed her Bachelor of Science in pharmaceutical sciences in 2020 and her Doctor of Pharmacy in 2022. Shelby's areas of interest include anticoagulation and inpatient psychiatry. After this year, Shelby is considering a PGY2 in psychiatry or continuing her career working with Veterans as a clinical pharmacist. In her free time, Shelby enjoys baking, crocheting, watching movies, reading, and finding new coffee shops to enjoy.

### Abigail Switzer



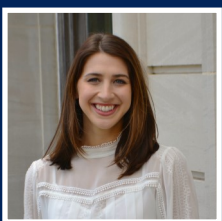
Abigail Switzer, Pharm.D. received her Bachelor of Science in biomedical sciences and Doctor of Pharmacy from Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville. She is originally from Marshall, Illinois, and her current career interests include ambulatory care, academia, and infectious disease. After completion of her PGY1 year, she hopes to continue her career with VA as an ambulatory care pharmacist with some role in academia. Outside of the pharmacy, she enjoys spending time with her puppy, fiancé and family. She also likes traveling, listening to music, trying new foods, and being active.

### Sara Tyler



Sara Tyler, Pharm.D. grew up just north of Montgomery in Wetumpka, Alabama. She completed her Bachelor of Science in biomedical sciences at Troy University and graduated from Auburn University with her Doctor of Pharmacy in 2022. Her current clinical interest is ambulatory care with an emphasis in diabetes and cardiology. Upon the completion of her PGY1 residency, Sara plans to continue her career within the VA as a clinical pharmacist. Some of Sara's hobbies include reading, hiking, traveling, and finding new restaurants.

### Leah Winchester



Leah Winchester, Pharm.D., MBA, received her Bachelor of Science in biochemistry at The University of Arkansas, Master of Business Administration at The University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and her Doctor of Pharmacy from The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Her current interests are ambulatory care, management, and academia. Following her PGY1 year, she hopes to pursue additional training in an area of her interest. Her goal is to become a clinical pharmacist at the VA and work up to a leadership position. She is passionate about teaching and advancing the profession of pharmacy. Leah's interests include listening to live music, watching movies, doing hot yoga and HIIT exercises, and spending time with her family and two pups Lima and Beans.

## Past Residents

### 2021-2022

Lee Arphai, Pharm.D., PGY2 Pharmacy Resident Ambulatory Care, VA Northeast Ohio Health Care, Cleveland, OH  
Jaycee Mandernach, Pharm.D., Acute Care Clinical Pharmacist , VA Tennessee Valley Health Care, Nashville, TN  
Wendy Zheng, Pharm.D. , PGY2 Pharmacy Resident Ambulatory Care, VA South Texas Health Care, San Antonio, TX

### 2020-2021

Brianca Fizer, Pharm.D. , Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, VA Tennessee Valley Health Care, Nashville, TN  
Perry Thompson, Pharm.D., Acute Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, VA Central Alabama Health Care, Montgomery, AL  
Jaqueline Waller, Pharm.D., Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, VA Central Alabama Health Care, Columbus, GA

### 2019-2020

Michelle Adams, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacist, Ambulatory Care, Upstream Healthcare, Greensboro, NC  
Jordan Bates, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Extended Care, DeBakey VA, Houston, TX  
Rebecca Wynn, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacist, HCA Florida Capital Hospital, Tallahassee, FL

### 2018-2019

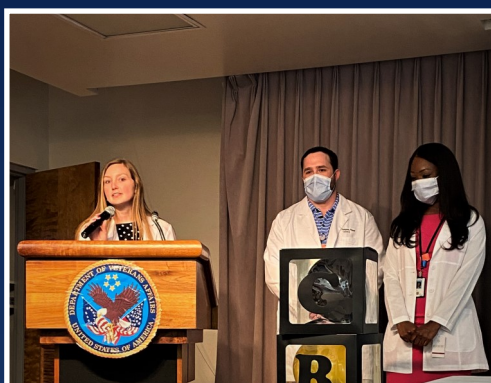
Hope Allen, Pharm.D., Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, VA Central Alabama Health Care, Montgomery, AL  
Morgan Fisher, Pharm.D., Professor of Practice, Auburn University Harrison College of Pharmacy, Auburn, AL  
Kelsie Welch, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacist –Ambulatory Care/Transitions of Care, Ochsner-LSU Health Shreveport , LA

### 2017-2018

Sonya Spiller, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacist, Kaiser Permanente, Seattle, WA  
Matt Cole, Pharm.D., VISN Pharmacy Program Manager (Informatics & Data Analytics) Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM) VA Capital Health Care Network (VISN 5) Linthicum, MD (Virtual)  
Cassidy Moses, Pharm.D., Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, VA Central Alabama Health Care, Montgomery, AL

### 2016-2017

Elliott Carey, Pharm.D., Pharmacist, Publix Pharmacy, Pensacola, FL  
Melanie Geiszler, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacist, Department of Defense, Ft. Stewart, GA  
Britney Willis, Pharm.D., Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, VA Central Alabama Health Care, Montgomery, AL



2015-2016

Amber Cardoza, Pharm.D., BCACP, Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, VA Central Alabama Health Care, Columbus, GA

Stacy Evans-Forney, Pharm.D., Critical Care Clinical Pharmacist, University Medical Center of El Paso, El Paso, TX

Cain Eric Kirk, Pharm.D., BCACP, Cardiology/Population Health Management Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, VISN4 Clinical Resource Hub, Veterans Health Administration

2014-2015

Jennifer Cook, Pharm.D., Anticoagulation Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, VA Central Alabama Health Care, Montgomery, AL

Eun Pyung Philip Im, Pharm.D., BCPP, Mental Health Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Atlanta VA Medical Center, Atlanta, GA

Takova Wallace-Gay, Pharm.D., BCACP, Clinical Associate Professor, The University of Texas at Tyler—Fisch College of Pharmacy and Clinical Pharmacist, UT Health Science Center Tyler-North Campus Family Medicine Clinic; Director of Interprofessional Education, The University of Texas—School of Medicine

2013-2014

Alicia Crawford, Pharm.D., BCGP, Community Living Center (CLC) Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, VA Central Alabama Health Care, Tuskegee, AL

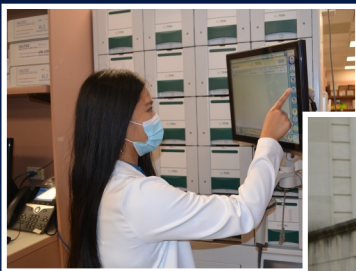
Lauren Massingill, Pharm.D., BCGP, Co-Managed Care/Formulary Clinical Pharmacist, VA Central Alabama Health Care, Tuskegee, AL

Sarah Sutton, Pharm.D., Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Cincinnati VA Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH

2012-2013

Brandon Benson, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Richmond VA Medical Center, Richmond, VA

Lauren Rass, Pharm.D., BCPS, Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, VA Central Alabama Health Care, Montgomery, AL



# Virtual Residency Showcase

**December 7, 2022 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM EST  
(1:00 PM to 3:00 PM CST)**

When it is showcase time, join our Webex meeting using the following :

**Select the link (Ctrl + Click to follow link)**

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