



VA Central California Health Care System (VACCHCS)

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency



Code 92037

Residency Program Overview

The VACCHCS ASHP-accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program is a 12-month comprehensive year of education and experience with an emphasis on direct pharmaceutical care. Residents serve the Veteran population in both ambulatory and acute care settings. Emphasis is also placed on experiences in leadership, practice management, and teaching. Residents participate in formulary and medication-use management, medication safety, performance improvement, and providing education to patients and health professionals. VACCHCS offers a progressive training environment, where pharmacists with a scope of practice may prescribe medications, order laboratory and diagnostic tests, and place consults to other services.

About VACCHCS

VACCHCS is a 63-bed acute care, general medical, and surgical center with state of the art primary, secondary, and tertiary care in major diagnostic and treatment specializations. In addition, a 54-bed Community Living Center (CLC) is located on campus and provides skilled nursing and rehabilitation care. VACCHCS has three Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) located in Merced, Oakhurst, and Tulare. Over 32,000 Veterans are served throughout Central California. The health care system is a teaching facility and is affiliated with the University of CA, San Francisco School of Medicine. It is located in the heart of CA and is known as California's Year-Round Playground due to having over 300 sunny days per year. Fresno is the fifth largest city in CA and is also the world's most productive agricultural region. It is situated near three National Parks, offering the perks of a big city alongside beautiful natural scenery.

Residency Program Benefits

- Competitive annual stipend
- Education and travel allowances as approved by facility
- 13 days vacation, 13 days sick leave
- 11 Federal holidays (each resident staffs 2 minor holidays)
- Federal health and dental benefits; life insurance available
- Ability to practice with pharmacy license from any state
- Growth opportunities at local, regional, and national levels



Learning Experiences:

Core Rotations:

5 weeks each

- Inpatient/IV and Outpatient Pharmacy Orientation
- Acute Care Internal Medicine I (General Medicine Units)
- Acute Care Internal Medicine II (Intensive Care Unit)
- Ambulatory Care I (Fresno Primary Care Clinics)
- Ambulatory Care II (Fresno/Oakhurst Primary Care Clinics, Women's Health)
- Practice Management

Elective Opportunities:

3 electives, 5 weeks each

- Academic Detailing, Anticoagulation, Emergency Medicine, Geriatrics, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Diseases, Informatics, Managed Care, Pain Management, Psychiatric Acute Care, Psychiatric Ambulatory Care

Longitudinal Rotations:

Year-long, starting after orientation

- Ambulatory Care*
- Major Project
- Project Management and Leadership Development
- VA Teaching & Precepting Certificate
- Staffing (inpatient; 1 weekend + 1 evening shift every 3 weeks; 2 minor holidays)

*Longitudinal Clinic Opportunities:

Anticoagulation, Benzodiazepine Taper, Clozapine, Hematology/Oncology, Pain Management, Primary Care, Psychiatry, Pulmonary

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Application Process:

Qualification Requirements:

- United States Citizen
- Graduate of an ACPE-accredited school of pharmacy
- Ability to obtain pharmacist licensure within 120 days of starting the program
- Registered in the ASHP Resident Matching Program

Application through PhORCAS:

- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- Academic transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation using the PhORCAS Standardized Reference Form
 - At least one letter should come from a clinical rotation preceptor

Application Deadline: January 2nd

Interview:

- An interview is required and takes place in early February



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