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# Kansas City VA Medical Center

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## Setting

The KCVA Medical Center currently provides services to over 55,000 of the veterans that reside in the Kansas City metro area. The Medical Center is a tertiary 1B complexity teaching Medical Center that serves as a referral center for the Medical Centers in Leavenworth, Topeka, and Wichita as well as the Columbia, Missouri VA Medical Center. This integrated health care system is dedicated to providing quality health care to veterans of the Heartland.

Comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services focusing on primary care, mental health and specialty services are available at the main Linwood campus. A wide range of patient services are provided at Kansas City VA Outpatient clinics located in Lenexa, Shawnee and Paola, Kansas, and at the Honor Annex, Belton, Cameron, Excelsior Springs, Nevada, & Warrensburg, Missouri. Clinical Pharmacy Practitioners play an integral role by enhancing care to all patients at the KCVAMC.

## Pharmacy Services

The Pharmacy Service provides 24-hour coverage seven days a week. Patient care is provided by a staff of more than 100 pharmacists, residents, students, and technicians practicing in the ambulatory, inpatient and outpatient care settings.

**Acute Care** The decentralized inpatient pharmacy staff provides pharmaceutical care to veterans using a systematic process designed to ensure patients are educated and drug therapy is monitored. New orders are evaluated with attention to drug dosing, drug interactions, and drug allergies. Pharmacists' recommendations are communicated on patient care rounds or directly to the medical, surgical, psychiatric, and critical care teams. Drug distribution is accomplished through centralized unit dose and IV admixture services.

**Ambulatory Care** The clinic pharmacy staff are positioned in primary care and specialty clinics throughout the medical center and VA clinics. They are integrated within the care system to optimize patient outcomes. Within the VA system, clinical pharmacy practitioners work at the top of their license, providing care under a scope of practice. They conduct clinical care visits, make medication adjustments, order labs and more to ensure our Veteran population achieves their care goals.

**Informatics** The Pharmacy service works to develop and enhance technology that improves patient care and enhances work flow for both clinical and distributive functions of the pharmacy through use of the electronic medical record (Vista/CPRS) as well as outside vendors. Through incorporation of technology and clinical decision support practices, pharmacists and technicians are able to focus on developing reports that enhance the ability to provide population based patient centric care.

**Pharmacoeconomics** The Pharmacy Outcomes/Healthcare Analytics pharmacist provide support to the KCVA and Veterans Integrated Service Network 15 (VISN 15) P&T Committees as well as the National VA Pharmacy Benefits Management group. Activities include evaluating new and evolving drug therapies, predicting, tracking and trending pharmacy budget, medication use evaluation, analyzing adherence to performance monitors, research, academic detailing and other administrative duties.





## Kansas City VA Medical Center PGY1 Pharmacy



### Precepting Education and Training

Members of the pharmacy staff precept Creighton, Drake, UMKC, KU, University of Iowa, and University of Nebraska APPE students. A teaching certificate program is available through the University of Missouri—Kansas City School of

### Benefits

Benefits include health insurance, annual leave (vacation), time off for illness/appointments/ family care and 11 paid federal holidays. The annual stipend is \$47,996 for the PGY1 program with *financial compensation for staffing*.

### Eligibility

- Applicants must be a graduate of an American Council of Pharmaceutical Education accredited School of Pharmacy with a Pharm.D. degree.
- **Applicants must be U.S. citizens – a requirement to be employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.**

### Application

The following items are required for application to any program:

- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- Pharmacy school transcripts
- Three references completing template in PhORCAS
- Supplemental material listed in PhORCAS

A personal interview is required of all selected candidates. This program participates in the ASHP Matching Program. This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

Application materials should be submitted via PhORCAS. Deadline for application is **January 2, 2024**. Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than February 1.



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# Postgraduate Year One (PGY1) Pharmacy Practice Residency

## Purpose

PGY1 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, eligible for board certification, and eligible for postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency training.

## Competencies

- Patient Care
- Advancing Practice and Improving Patient Care
- Leadership and Management
- Teaching, Education, and Dissemination of Knowledge

## Training Overview

- Provide personalized pharmaceutical care services to promote an ethical, caring, trusting relationship and enhance patient outcomes in all settings
- Demonstrate confidence to function competently in many health care settings
- Develop knowledge of drug information systems, drug use evaluation, and formulary management
- Possess and know how to develop marketable skills and program development skills
- Acquire computer literacy
- Develop a foundation in effective management, time management and other organizational skills
- Be proficient in written and oral communication skills



This 52 week residency in Pharmacy Practice has been conducted for over 30 years. It provides a good balance of both acute and ambulatory pharmacy experiences. By following patients through the continuum of care offered in a VA setting, residents are afforded the opportunity to longitudinally monitor patients' progress. In addition, the resident will gain valuable experience in our pharmacy and medical center administrative programs, including Joint Commission compliance, patient safety initiatives, and performance improvement. Projects will encompass the Kansas City VA Medical Center, Veterans Integrated Service Network 15 (VISN 15) and National VA National Pharmacy Benefits Management Group and will include, local and/or national drug utilization reviews, developing VA local drug monographs and/or criteria for use and compiling the quarterly Pharmacy Newsletter.

The resident will be afforded the opportunity to participate in many educational programs including a teaching certificate program offered through the UMKC School of Pharmacy and pharmacy CE presentations. As adjunct faculty of UMKC School of Pharmacy, the resident will gain experience in lecture preparation, didactic teaching and in the precepting of students on site.

## **Rotations**

Structurally the residency is divided into block, condensed, and longitudinal rotations. The rotations are arranged to combine required experiences along with electives in the resident's identified area of interest to allow pursuit of residency and expansion of skills throughout the year. Simultaneously, the resident is expected to prioritize and work on ongoing requirements in longitudinal clinical and project based rotations.

In each experience, the resident works closely with the residency director and the rotation preceptor to develop goals and objectives that will assist the resident in expanding skills for current and future practice. Regular meetings with the residency director ensure that long-term goals are met.

### **Required Rotations:**

Orientation (5 weeks)

Ambulatory Care-PACT (6 weeks)

Internal Medicine (6 weeks)

Acute Care Selective (1 rotation, 6 weeks)

- Cardiology
- Critical Care
- Emergency Department
- Infectious Diseases/ASP
- Psychopharmacy

Ambulatory Care Selective (1 rotation, 6 weeks)

- Anticoagulation
- Cardiology
- ID/HIV
- Mental Health
- Oncology
- Pain Clinic
- Pulmonary/COPD
- Rural Health
- Women's Health

Electives (3 rotations, 6 weeks each)

- Academia
- Acute selective no previously done
- Advanced PACT
- Ambulatory Care selective not previously done
- Health Equity
- Home Based Primary Care
- Pharmacy Outcomes/Healthcare Analytics
- Population Health

Practice Management (3 weeks)

### **Condensed Rotations**

Continuing Education

Medication Use Evaluation



### **Current PGY1 Pharmacy Residents**

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