# **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Doctor of Pharmacy from accredited College of Pharmacy
- Eligibility for on time completion of a PGY1 residency program
- Licensure or eligibility for licensure in the United States in any state
- United States citizen

## TO APPLY

#### **CANDIDATES:**

Complete the eligibility checklist:

- Am I Eligible? Checklist for VA HPTs
  Submit the following by January 6:
- Personal Letter of Intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- Pharmacy School Transcripts
- Three PhORCAS Electronic References

#### **APPLY:**

Through PhORCAS https://portal.phorcas.org/

# Timeline:

Application Due: January 6, 2023 Interview Notifications: January

Interviews: late January Match Rankings: February

Match Results: March

Start Date: July 3 (tentative)



John Cochran
Division

Jefferson Barracks
Division



#### **Residency Program Director:**

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Serving Those Who Served

# PGY2 Pain and Palliative Care Residency

# VA ST. LOUIS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

915 N. Grand Blvd St. Louis, MO 63106 (314) 652-4100



# **Training Sites**

The primary training site of this ASHP-accredited residency program is the VA St. Louis Health Care System, including both the Jefferson Barracks and John Cochran Divisions providing primary care, secondary and tertiary care to Veterans of the St. Louis metropolitan area, eastern Missouri, and southern Illinois. A tailored online, real-time computer system links all hospital departments, provides access to information sources, and retrieves data from other tertiary care centers.

The John Cochran Division provides services including acute care medicine, surgery, associated inpatient subspecialties, spinal cord injury and comprehensive general and specialty ambulatory care.

The Jefferson Barracks Division provides mental health treatment, regional spinal cord injury treatment, skilled nursing home care unit, palliative care and hospice unit, pain management clinic, geriatric health care, rehabilitation services and a rehabilitation domiciliary program for homeless veterans.

Additionally, the medical center serves as a training site for medical residents and students from both the Saint Louis University and Washington University Schools of Medicine.

### **Program**

#### **Purpose**

PGY2 Program Purpose: PGY2 pharmacy residency programs build on the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in advanced or specialized practice. PGY2 residencies provide residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and incorporating both into the provision of patient care that improves medication therapy. Residents who successfully complete an accredited PGY2 residency pharmacy should possess competencies that qualify them for clinical pharmacist and/or faculty positions and position them to be eligible for attainment of board certification in the specialized practice area (when board certification for the practice area exists).

### **Description**

The VA St. Louis Healthcare System PGY2 Pain Management and Palliative Care Residency Program is designed to transition PGY1 pharmacy residency graduates from generalist practice to specialized practice focused on the pain management and palliative care needs of patients. Residency graduates will be equipped to participate as essential members of interdisciplinary pain management and/or palliative care teams and are able to make complex therapeutic recommendations in various practice settings.

Other residency activities and opportunities include hospital committee involvement, a variety of presentations (including resident seminar, formal case, journal club, and

continuing education, inpatient/outpatient and clinical staffing, and more. See below for more details.

#### **Teaching Requirements and Opportunities**

- Completion of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy Teaching Certificate Program (if equivalent not completed during PGY1)
- Optional lecture at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUe) School of Pharmacy in Pain and Palliative Care Elective
- The opportunity to precept P4 students from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy and SIUe School of Pharmacy

#### **Rotations**

- Orientation
- Outpatient Pain Management Clinic
- Surgical ICU
- Pain in Primary Care
- Palliative Care/Hospice
- Acute Psychiatry/Substance Use Disorders
- PMPC Electives (3-4)

### **Longitudinal Experiences**

- Outpatient Pharmacy Pain Clinic
- Outpatient Pain-PACT Telephone Clinic

### **Elective On-Site Opportunities**

- Spinal Cord Injury
- Outpatient Mental Health
- Geriatric Primary Care
- Extended Care and Rehabilitation

#### **Conference Attendance**

- PAINWeek
- ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
- Gateway College of Clinical Pharmacy