# About the Samuel S. Stratton VA Medical Center:

The Samuel S. Stratton VAMC is a 150 bed tertiary care facility located in the heart of New York's capitol. Along with 10 community based outpatient clinics, this institution works to provide comprehensive healthcare to more than 25,000 Veterans each year. The VA medical center provides a full range of outpatient and inpatient services, including services for those residing in our community living center (CLC). The Stratton VAMC is dedicated to teaching and educating future healthcare professionals, and maintains affiliations with Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (ACPHS); Western New England College of Pharmacy; and Albany Medical College. This allows for a variety of didactic teaching and precepting opportunities that can be tailored to the resident's clinical interests.

Our site has 14 board certified pharmacists in multiple areas of pharmacy practice

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Meet Our Preceptors and Residents



# Samuel S. Stratton VA Medical Center PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program





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#### **Program Summary:**

The ASHP accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at the Samuel S. Stratton VAMC builds on the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medicationrelated care of patients with a wide range of conditions. The goal of the PGY1 program is to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue rational drug therapy and provide pharmaceutical care in a multidisciplinary healthcare setting. The residency program offers residents exposure into multiple settings, but largely focuses on providing ambulatory care services.

# **Program Benefits:**

- ♦ Stipend: \$41,933 (approximate)
- 13 days paid annual leave/13 days paid sick leave/11 paid federal holidays
- ♦ Health/life insurance
- ♦ Free parking, lab coats, and scrubs
- ♦ Dual appointment

# **Program Description:**

Number of Positions: 3

Residency Start Date: June 20, 2022

### **Core Learning Experiences:**

- ♦ Orientation
- ♦ Outpatient (3 weeks)
- Transitional Care (2 weeks with staffing every 3rd Saturday)
- ♦ Primary care (two 6- week rotations)
- ♦ Community Living Center (longitudinal)
- ♦ Pharmacoecono mics/Academic Detailing (4 weeks longitudinal)
- ♦ Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring (longitudinal)

#### **Elective Rotations:**

- ♦ Inpatient
- ♦ Pain Management
- ♦ Mental Health
- ♦ Anticoagulation (+/- heart failure)
- ♦ Nephrology/dialysis
- ♦ Pharmacy Administration
- ♦ Medication Safety
- ♦ Rheumatology
- ♦ Additional Primary Care rotation

#### **Conferences:**

- ♦ ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
- ♦ Eastern Sates Conference

# Other learning experiences include, but are not limited to:

- ♦ Mentoring Pharmacy Students
- ♦ In-services to Medical/Pharmacy staff
- ♦ Resident Research Project
- Optional teaching certificate program available through Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

### Application Requirements:\*

- ♦ U.S. citizenship
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPEaccredited school of pharmacy
- ♦ Application submitted through PhORCAS
- ♦ Letter of intent
- ♦ Curriculum vitae
- ♦ Official college transcript
- ◆ 3 letters of recommendation (at least 1 APPE preceptor and 1 past/current employer)
- VA form #10-2850c and #OF-306 available at www.va.gov/vaforms
- Supplemental questionnaire which can be accessed from ASHP residency listing

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<sup>\*</sup>Elective rotations 4 weeks long