

# Lebanon VA Medical Center PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency



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## CORE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

- Outpatient Behavioral Health
- Acute Inpatient Behavioral Health
- Outpatient Behavioral Health at a VA community clinic
- Substance Use Disorders
- Clinical Pharmacy Administration
- E-consults and Prior Authorization Drug Requests (PADRs)
- Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance (QI/QA)
- Teaching

## ELECTIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

- Academic Detailing
- Pharmacoeconomics
- Advanced Acute Inpatient Behavioral Health
- Palliative Care/Hospice
- Pain management (upcoming opportunity!)
- Neurology (upcoming opportunity!)

*Other rotations may be available based on resident interest and preceptor availability*

## UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

- Optional teaching certificate program
- PGY2 residents can be granted a Scope of Practice to allow for an enhanced level of autonomy
- Telework opportunities are available for most learning experiences

## BENEFITS

- Stipend: \$45,708
- 13 paid annual leave/13 paid sick days/11 paid federal holidays
- Funds available to attend national and regional pharmacy conferences
- Subsidized health insurance
- Vision/dental benefit offered
- Free parking/lab coats
- On-site YMCA fitness facilities at no cost
- Telework agreement

The PGY2 residency program is intended to guide the resident through a variety of psychiatric care experiences. By the end of the residency, the resident should feel capable of independently practicing within the psychiatric specialty, whether it be in an inpatient, residential, or outpatient setting. The core experiences are facilitated through resident run clinics in the pharmacist managed service within the Behavioral Health clinic at the main campus and our VA clinics, through interdisciplinary work in our Substance Use Disorders clinic, as well as rounding and consulting with interdisciplinary teams on the inpatient psychiatry unit. The resident will gain experience in the development and maintenance of existing clinics as well as expanding the clinical services currently offered. All goals and objectives of the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency as specified by the American Society of Health System Pharmacists can be achieved through the experiences offered in this program.

## PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

Our goal is to provide residents with opportunities to build a strong foundation in psychiatry, a high level of autonomy, and a range of experiences to develop into well rounded, independent psychiatric clinical pharmacist practitioners.

## PROGRAM GOALS

### Clinical development

- Provide patient-specific medication management services and develop autonomy practicing within an approved Scope of Practice
- Develop strong patient care skills in psychiatric and neurologic disease states
- Provide patient specific educational services on a one-to-one basis as well as in group meetings
- Become familiar with pharmacy benefit management principles including the non-formulary process
- Establish confidence in your clinical skills and become an integral part of the health care team

### Educational development

- Develop a keen eye for evaluating literature and determining applicability to clinical practice
- Educate pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and other health care professionals in small group discussions as well as during didactic type lectures
- Independently precept both Lebanon VA PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residents and PharmD students

### Personal development

- Develop the skills necessary to effectively self evaluate one's work
- Develop written and verbal communication skills to successfully practice in various healthcare settings
- Demonstrate effective time- management skills needed to successfully practice as a Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner

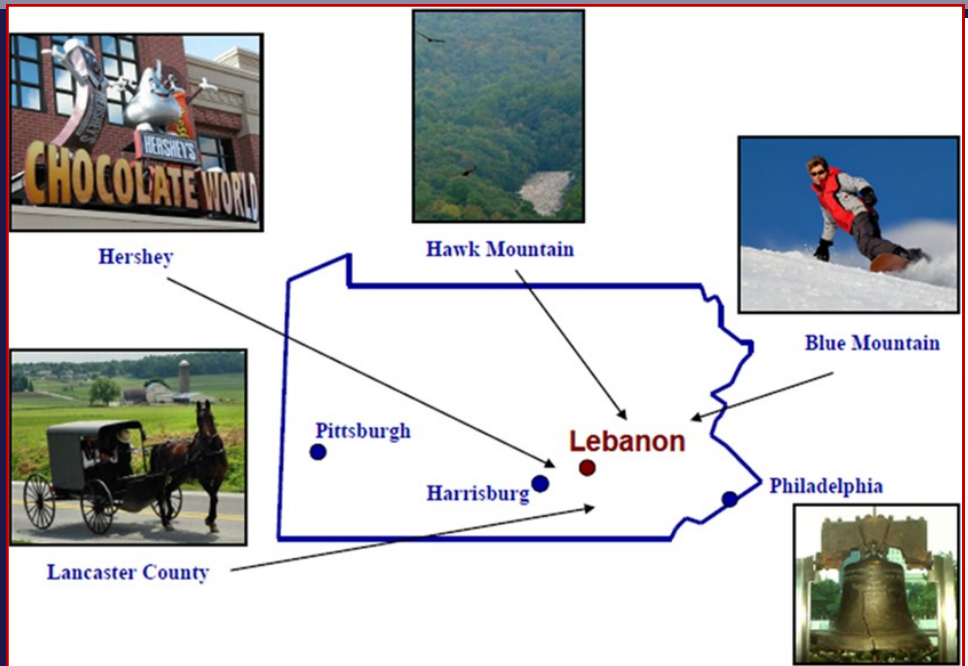
## CORE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

### PRECEPTORS

- **Erica Hoot, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP;** Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner, Behavioral Health; Residency Program Director, PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy
- **Alyssa Kunkel, PharmD;** Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner, Behavioral Health; York Clinic
- **Kiana Hartmann, PharmD;** Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner, Behavioral Health
- **Alexandra Cerino, PharmD;** Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner, Behavioral Health
- **Adam Penn, PharmD, MBA;** Associate Chief, Clinical Service

“I think this program offered so much learning opportunity in such a variety of settings, from inpatient, to multiple aspect of outpatient, tobacco, PCMH, as well as other areas too such as academic detailing, and so many others that I did not have enough time in just one year to see everything that could be available. I also felt that everyone was flexible with adapting rotations to my interests. ..I really enjoyed and appreciated all the opportunities offered to me this past residency year.”

Former LVAMC PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy resident



### ABOUT LEBANON, PA

Lebanon is located in the beautiful farmlands of South Central Pennsylvania, nestled between mountains that run along the northern and southern borders. Lebanon has a small-town atmosphere with a great quality of life and relatively low cost of living. Lebanon is a short drive from Harrisburg, the state capital of Pennsylvania as well as Lancaster - famous for its Amish farms. Several major interstate highways intersect the county and provide easy access to many large cities such as Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington D.C. and New York City. Enjoy a short drive to Hershey, PA – the chocolate capital of the world - offering one of the nation's finest theme parks, beautiful hotels, and golf. The Hershey area attracts nationally and internationally renowned touring acts as well as millions of chocolate loving visitors every year.

### ABOUT THE LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER (LVAMC)

The LVAMC is a Joint Commission accredited medical complex which consists of a main campus in Lebanon plus Community Clinics in Camp Hill, York, Reading, Lancaster, and Pottsville, serving approximately 45,000 patients in 9 counties of south central Pennsylvania. A large part of the main campus centers around primary care and behavioral health with various outpatient specialty clinics. The main hospital has a total of 280 beds in the areas of intensive care, acute care, psychiatry, surgery, transitional care, residential rehabilitation, nursing home, and hospice.

The LVAMC is a teaching hospital affiliated with the Penn State University Medical School, based in Hershey, PA. Over 250 medical residents, fellows, and students rotate through the LVAMC every year. The pharmacy department is affiliated with 7 academic institutions and accepts 12-20 students per year for APPEs.

For the second consecutive year, LVAMC has been recognized as the top VA Medical Center in the United States for patient experience. Lebanon has the highest 'Best Places to Work' rating in the nation among intermediate complexity facilities and 3rd best nationally among 170 VHA facilities. We are also ranked 3rd in overall Employee Satisfaction and have ranked in the top 15% in VHA over the past 10 years.

The LVAMC PGY Pharmacy Residency Programs are open to any individual regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, or handicap. Use the following link to check eligibility for becoming a Health Professions Trainee at VA Facilities: [Am I Eligible? Checklist for VA HPTs](#)

Candidates must also meet the following eligibility criteria to be considered for any LVAMC PGY program:

- Possess or be in good standing to receive a Doctor of Pharmacy or Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE accredited school or college of pharmacy
- Agreement to participate in the ASHP matching program
- Eligibility for or currently possess a pharmacy license in any state of the United States and must be able to adhere to the Lebanon VA Medical Center PGY pharmacy residency licensure policy for the duration of the residency
- Commit to the residency for a period of no less than one year
- Completion of a PGY1 ASHP accredited or pending accreditation residency program

### APPLICATION PROCESS

All application materials should be submitted via the PhORCAS system by the application deadline and will be competitively considered for an interview.

#### Required Application Materials

- Letter of intent\*
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Three recommendations in PhORCAS
- College transcripts

\*The letter of intent should include the answers to the following three questions: (1) Why do you want to do this residency? (2) What are your personal and professional strengths? (3) Where do you see yourself in five years?

If any of the above materials are not received by the application deadline of **January 10th**, the applicant will not be considered for an interview.



The LVAMC Pharmacy Residency class of 2022—23

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