

Veterans Affairs Medical Center - Memphis, TN
Post Graduate Year One Pharmacy Residency

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ASHP Program Code: 54200
ASHP Match Number: 190213

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Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of the Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program is to build from the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) foundation to develop the ability of clinical pharmacists to responsibly manage the medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions. Throughout the residency training program, pharmacists will independently and confidently manage patients' disease state-specific drug therapy as integral members of the healthcare team to help achieve appropriate patient outcomes. Additionally, resident pharmacists will proactively manage practice issues, will exhibit effective teaching and communication skills, and will commit to continuous lifelong learning and the advancement of the pharmacy profession. Upon completion of the PGY-1 program, the resident will be eligible for board certification and a PGY-2 pharmacy residency training program.

Overview:

The Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center provides comprehensive healthcare to our nation's Veterans and is directly involved in the education of patients and healthcare professionals. Pharmacy services at the VAMC Memphis have been developed to meet the needs of a large institution while anticipating the future roles of pharmacists. Currently, thirty-two Clinical Pharmacy Specialists provide direct patient care as well as consultations throughout the hospital and nine associated outpatient clinics as part of ongoing pharmaceutical care services. Since 1963, pharmacy residency training at the VAMC Memphis has allowed residents to participate at an advanced level of practice in an environment that not only accepts their contribution to patient drug therapy but expects it.

Program:

The VAMC Memphis PGY-1 residency program is a twelve-month postgraduate training program accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. At the completion of the program, pharmacists will have developed the clinical skills, knowledge, and experience necessary to provide excellent pharmaceutical care to both ambulatory and hospitalized patients. Residents have the opportunity to train with experienced clinical pharmacy specialists in a wide variety of clinical settings. Training schedules allow for flexibility, enabling residents to pursue areas of personal interest. Instructional and educational opportunities are available for residents to develop teaching and precepting skills by presenting lectures, leading small group discussions, and precepting students on clinical rotation. Associated PGY-2 programs in Internal Medicine and Ambulatory Care provide opportunities for training continuity following completion of the PGY-1 year.

Summary:

Type/Duration	Pharmacy Post Graduate Year One (PGY1) Residency/12 months
Number of Positions:	5
Application Deadline:	December 31
Starting Date:	June 21
Estimated Stipend:	\$41,742
Interview Required:	Yes

General application requirements: U.S. Citizenship and Pharm.D. from ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy

PhORCAS application requirements: CV, college of pharmacy transcripts, letter of intent, three letters of recommendation; submit application at <https://portal.phorcas.org>

Fringe Benefits:

Two and one-half weeks paid vacation and sick leave plus federal holidays
Participation in VA Plans/Programs (health, life, disability and long-term care insurance)
Three days paid interview leave and paid leave to attend and participate in state and national pharmacy meetings

Program Structure – Rotations and Learning Experiences:

- Orientation to all aspects of the health system’s pharmacy services, residency, and PharmAcademic
- Core required rotations (4 weeks)
 - Ambulatory Care
 - Critical Care (MICU/SICU/Nutrition Support)
 - Geriatrics
 - Internal Medicine
 - Practice Management/Pharmacoeconomics
- Elective rotations (4 weeks):
 - Repeat core rotation(s)
 - Cardiology
 - Home Based Primary Care
 - Palliative Care/Pain Management
 - Spinal Cord Injury
 - Hematology/Oncology
 - Outpatient Mental Health
 - Inpatient Mental Health
 - Outpatient Pain Management
 - Antimicrobial Stewardship/ID
- Pharmacotherapy longitudinal experiences (half-day per week for 8 weeks; choose 3-4):
 - Rheumatology Clinic
 - Hypertension Clinic
 - Lipid Clinic
 - Pain Clinic
 - Pain Coping Group
 - GI/Hepatitis Clinic
- Other required learning experiences
 - Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring
 - Formulary Management
 - Applied Pharmacokinetics & Antimicrobial Stewardship
 - Case report publication or poster presentation
 - Journal Club
 - Medication Use Evaluation
 - Pharmacotherapy Presentations (2 CE)
 - IRB approved research project with opportunity to publish results
 - University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Teaching Learning Program
 - Clinical/Operational Staffing on a rotational basis
 - Pharmaceutical preparation and dispensing, applied pharmacy practice
 - On a rotating basis, each resident serves as Chief Resident concurrent with other rotations.

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Additional information:

- ❖ Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than the third week of February
- ❖ This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.
- ❖ Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of a physical exam, including negative drug test. Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment. Residents are required to obtain a pharmacist’s license in any state by September 1st.