



Central Virginia VA Health Care System PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency

Richmond, Virginia

Our residency program is an ASHP accredited one-year, full-time program that provides two residents with an intensive experience in delivering comprehensive pharmaceutical care to our veteran population within the specialty area of psychiatry.

Program Purpose

The purpose of the residency program is to transform the pharmacy resident from a generalist to a specialist within psychiatry. Our program will prepare the resident to successfully obtain a position as a psychiatric clinical pharmacy specialist in either inpatient or outpatient setting or begin a career in academia.



Central Virginia VA Health Care System is a 400 bed tertiary referral medical center serving approximately 45,000 veterans annually. Our medical center is a teaching facility with an academic affiliation with VCU Medical Center and the Medical College of Virginia.

Longitudinal Rotations

Mental Health Primary Care Integration
Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Education
Motivational Interviewing/MH Seminar
Residency Research Project
Clinical Pharmacy Staffing

Focused Rotations

Inpatient Psychiatry
Substance Use Disorders
Mental Health Intensive Case Management
Bipolar PsychoEducation Clinic
Clozapine Clinic
Drug Information & Management
Pain Management

Elective Rotations

Psychiatric Consult and Liaison
Academic Detailing
Geriatrics
Movement Disorders/Parkinson's Disease
Polytrauma/TBI
Spinal Cord Injury

Progressive Practice Setting

- VA has a fully comprehensive electronic medical record
- Residents work under their pharmacy preceptors' scopes of practice and prescriptive authority
- **Medication Management** clinics afford residents the opportunity to independently initiate, adjust and monitor patient drug regimens
- Longitudinal rotations allow residents to see the benefits of continuity of care in the treatment of psychiatric and neuropsychiatric disorders
- Residents gain experience in clinical and didactic teaching to pharmacy students, including optional participation in the **Teaching and Learning Certificate Program** offered by the VCU/MCV School of Pharmacy
- Teaching and presentations are integrated into the program, including **clinical seminars, case conferences, journal club discussions**
- Resident-led topic discussions and clinical seminars provide public speaking opportunities

Unique Opportunities in Inter-professional Education

- Specific training in motivational interviewing
- Approaches to collaborative and interdisciplinary treatment of co-managed patients
- Integrated patient education & motivational groups
- Case-based teaching in multidisciplinary forum



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Resident Benefits Include:

- Annual stipend
- Vacation time and sick leave accrue throughout the year
- Federal holidays
- Medical and life insurance



Richmond, the capital of Virginia, consistently ranks among "Best Places to Live and Work in America" in several national publications. While offering easy access to the ocean and mountains, Richmond features historic landmarks and neighborhoods, stylish shopping and restaurants, and a temperate climate that is suitable for year-round outdoor activities.

Qualification of Applicants

All applicants must be United States citizens, must be licensed pharmacists or eligible for licensure in at least one state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, and must possess a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from a school or college of pharmacy accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education. Ideal candidates must possess the unique aptitude, initiative, and motivation to practice clinical pharmacy, especially in regard to direct patient care.

Application Procedure

1. Apply to our program via PhORCAS by January 1.
2. Applications will be reviewed, and interviews will be extended to selected candidates.
3. Candidates will be ranked and positions filled using the National Matching Service (NMS). Our NMS program code is 680266.



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