Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System
PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program
Montgomery & Tuskegee, Alabama

Accreditation by:

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About the Facility

The Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System (CAVHCS) was established January 1, 1997, from the merger of the Montgomery and Tuskegee VA Medical Centers. Along with four community-based outpatient clinics, these sites serve more than 134,000 Veterans living in a 43-county area of Georgia and Alabama. CAVHCS exists to provide excellent services to Veterans across the continuum of healthcare. A wide range of inpatient and ambulatory care services are provided in the medical center including internal medicine, primary care, surgery, infectious disease, nephrology, endocrinology, cardiology, gastroenterology, and mental health.

About the Program

The PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at CAVHCS is an ASHP-accredited, 12-month postgraduate training program beginning in the first week of July. Three applicants are selected through the National Matching Service (NMS) to complete the program.

The program consists of seven required rotations and three elective rotations, each of five weeks duration. Additionally, the residents will be required to participate in four longitudinal rotations. Aside from the requirements of the practice experiences, residents are responsible for providing inpatient staffing every third weekend and outpatient staffing one evening every week.

About the Area

Montgomery may be known for world changing events like the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement, but it also has the cool, cosmopolitan feel of a big city. Thanks to a dramatic downtown revitalization, this charming southern town is quickly becoming a must see destination in the Southeast and offers everything from eclectic culinary experiences and world renowned arts and culture, to a hip nightlife scene and the best of family fun. Being the capital of Alabama, Montgomery is located 90 minutes south of Birmingham and 60 minutes west of Auburn. Montgomery is only a short day drive down to the sugary, white sands of the Gulf of Mexico or up to the Georgia state capital found in Atlanta.
Learning Experiences

Required
- Orientation
- Ambulatory Care I
- Ambulatory Care II
- Anticoagulation
- Home-Based Primary Care/Community Living Center
- Internal Medicine
- Psychiatry I

Required Longitudinal
- Interprofessional Mental Health
- Practice Management/Drug Information
- Residency Project/Presentations
- Professional Writing and Publications

Elective
- Academia
- High Risk Diabetes
- Anticoagulation/Cardiology
- Infectious Disease
- Inpatient Psychiatry
- Psychiatry II

Longitudinal Elective Opportunity:
Residency Teaching and Learning Program offered by the Harrison School of Pharmacy, Auburn University

*Residents may choose to repeat a required experience as an elective so long as no more than one-third of the twelve-month program is conducted with a specific patient population or practice area.

Current Residents

Brianca Fizer, Pharm.D.

Dr. Fizer is originally from Jackson, Mississippi, born and raised. She earned her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy in May 2020, as well as her B.S. degree in pharmaceutical sciences in 2017. Her clinical interests include ambulatory care, diabetes, and ESRD. After completion of her PGY-1 residency, Brianca plans to pursue a clinical pharmacy specialist position with the Department of Veterans Affairs. In her downtime, Brianca enjoys spending time with family and friends, serving at church, going out to eat to try new foods, watching movies at the theater, and attending plays.

Perry Thompson, Pharm.D.

Dr. Thompson completed his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Auburn University’s Harrison School of Pharmacy in May 2020. He is originally from Evergreen, Alabama and completed his B.S. in Biomedical Sciences from Auburn University in 2014. His current professional interests include ambulatory care, pharmacy administration, infectious disease, and anticoagulation. After completion of his PGY-1 residency, Perry hopes to pursue a clinical pharmacy position within the Department of Veterans Affairs. Outside of residency, Perry enjoys hiking, camping, fishing, listening to music, Auburn athletic events, and spending time with his wife and family.

Jacqueline Waller, Pharm.D.

Dr. Waller received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Nebraska College of Pharmacy in May 2020. Her clinical interests include ambulatory care, anticoagulation, and geriatrics. After completion of her PGY-1 residency, Jacqueline plans to pursue a clinical pharmacist position within the Department of Veterans Affairs. In her spare time, Jacqueline enjoys traveling, outdoor activities, baking, and spending time with family and friends.
How to Apply

Application Requirements
The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, graduate of an accredited school of pharmacy, and hold an active pharmacy license or be eligible for licensure in any U.S. state or territory. All applicants must participate in the ASHP Resident Matching Program.

Application Process
Candidates should complete a standard application in the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service, PhORCAS, at [http://www.ashp.org/phorcas](http://www.ashp.org/phorcas). Requirements for completed applications include:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Intent
- Official Pharmacy School Transcript
- Three Letters of Reference

Application Deadline
All application materials must be submitted via PhORCAS by the first Friday after the January 1st holiday.

Interview Notification
Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than the end of February each year.

Position Appointment
Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of physical exam (including drug test). Applicants must meet all requirements for federal employment.

Note: CAVHCS pharmacy residency program agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant. The program adheres to the rules of the ASHP Pharmacy Resident Matching Program.

Benefits
- Competitive Stipend: Estimated $49,000/year
- Ten paid federal holidays per year
- Thirteen days of paid annual leave
- Thirteen days of paid sick leave
- Health/Life insurance options
- Additional Dental/Vision insurance options
- Administrative leave for attendance to the ASHP Mid-year Clinical Meeting and/or Southeastern Residency Conference (SERC)
Contact Information

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Past Residents

2019-2020
Michelle Adams, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacist, Ambulatory Care, Upstream Healthcare, Greensboro, NC
Jordan Bates, Pharm.D., PGY2 Pharmacy Resident, Ambulatory Care, CommUnityCare Health Centers, Austin, TX
Rebecca Wynn, Pharm.D., PGY2 Pharmacy Resident, Mental Health, Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center, Tuscaloosa, AL

2018-2019
Hope Allen, Pharm.D., Inpatient Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Montgomery, AL
Morgan Fisher, Pharm.D., Anticoagulation Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Montgomery, AL
Kelsie Welch, Pharm.D., Internal Medicine Clinical Pharmacist, Ochsner-LSU Health System, Shreveport, LA

2017-2018
Sonya Aghili-Mehrizi, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacist, Kaiser Permanente, Seattle, WA
Matt Cole, Pharm.D., Anticoagulation Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, Dublin, GA
Cassidy Moses, Pharm.D., Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Montgomery, AL

2016-2017
Elliott Carey, Pharm.D., Pharmacy, Publix Pharmacy, Pensacola, FL
Melanie Geiszler, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacist, Department of Defense, Ft. Stewart, GA
Britney Willis, Pharm.D., Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Montgomery, AL

2015-2016
Amber Cardoza, Pharm.D., BCACP, Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Ft. Benning, GA
Stacy Evans-Forney, Pharm.D., Critical Care Pharmacist, University Medical Center of El Paso, El Paso, TX
Cain Eric Kirk, Pharm.D., BCACP, VISN7 Academic Detailing Pharmacist, CAVHCS, Montgomery, AL

2014-2015
Jennifer Cook, Pharm.D., Anticoagulation Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Montgomery, AL
Philip Im, Pharm.D., BCPP, Mental Health Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, August VA Medical Center, Augusta, GA
Takova Wallace, Pharm.D., BCACP, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX

2013-2014
Alicia Crawford, Pharm.D., BCGP, Inpatient Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Tuskegee, AL
Lauren Massingill, Pharm.D., BCGP, Inpatient Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Tuskegee, AL
Sarah Sutton, Pharm.D., Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Cincinnati VA Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH

2012-2013
Brandon Benson, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Richmond VA Medical Center, Richmond, VA
Lauren Rass, Pharm.D., BCPS, Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Montgomery, AL