

Pharmacy Residency Information

- ASHP accredited
- Twelve-month residency with an expanded scope of practice, including prescriptive authority
- Hours: Monday–Friday; no Holidays
- Number of positions: Two
- Estimated Stipend: \$45,221
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree required
- PGYI Residency Certificate required
- Must be US Citizen
- Licensure may be through any U.S. State Board of Pharmacy
- Onsite interview required
- Starting date: July 1, 2023
- Medical and Life insurance available
- 11 Federal Holidays
- 13 annual leave & 13 sick days (accrued)
- Administrative leave for educational opportunities available
- Staffing component may be optional



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For further information or questions,
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Deadline for application: 2nd Friday in
January

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PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACY RESIDENCY PROGRAM (PGY2)



TUSCALOOSA VA MEDICAL CENTER

The Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center (TVAMC) is located on a beautiful 125 acre campus in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. TVAMC primarily serves West Central Alabama, where 12 out of the 13 counties are considered rural. TVAMC provides primary care, long-term care, mental health, and rehabilitative care services to eligible Veterans. The Outpatient Pharmacy serves 16,000+ Veterans each year. Clinical Pharmacy Specialists are extensively involved in the Primary Care Clinics, Outpatient Psychiatry Clinics, Residential Rehabilitation (psych), Geriatrics (long-term care and home-based primary care), and Acute Psychiatry.

POSTGRADUATE YEAR TWO RESIDENCY BACKGROUND

- Sponsored by TVAMC
- Established & ASHP-accredited since 1997
- Previous residents have secured clinical pharmacy positions in state, private, and federal institutions or in Colleges of Pharmacy as faculty members.

RESIDENCY PURPOSE

The PGY 2 Pharmacy practice residency in Psychiatry is designed to transition PGY1 residency graduates from general to specialized practice. The resident will be trained to focus on the care of patients with psychiatric and neuropsychiatric disorders.

Graduates of the PGY2 Psychiatric Residency should be well prepared to initiate and establish a successful clinical pharmacy service in diverse healthcare setting and provide exemplary patient-centered medication therapy for individuals with psychiatric and neurologic disorders.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

- Two presentations to the medical and/or pharmacy staff
- CPNP poster presentation
- Community Service
- MUE/DUE completion
- Participation in Pharmacy Newsletter
- Group discussions with Veterans
- Research project with final manuscript
- Education of staff and Veterans
- Clozapine monitoring and reports
- Pain management & substance abuse treatment
- One presentation at Samford University's McWhorter College of Pharmacy
- Two presentations for nursing students at the University of Alabama

RESIDENCY LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Required Rotations:

Concentrated (7 months)

- Orientation- 1 month
- Acute Psychiatric Pharmacy- 1 month
- Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (RRTP)- 1 month
- Pain Management- 1 month
- Geriatric Psych- 1 month
- Mental Health Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Clinic- 3 months

Longitudinal

- Outpatient Mental Health Intensive Case Management (MHICM) and Clozapine Management- 12 months each
- Outpatient Mental Health- 3 months
- Staffing- 1 to 6 months (Optional)
- Academia- 12 months
- Research- 12 months
- Pharmacy Management- 12 months

Electives (3 months)

May choose any of the previous concentrated rotations for an additional month or rotate at another VA for more intense training.

