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## Pharmacy Resident Program

*Post-Graduate Year - 2*



### Pharmacy Resident Information

- ASHP accredited
- Twelve-month residency with an expanded scope of practice, which includes prescriptive authority
- Hours: Monday-Friday, No Saturdays
- Number of positions: 3 Mental Health
- Estimated Stipend:  
PGY2: \$44,597.00
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree required  
Licensure may be through any U.S. State Board of Pharmacy
- Onsite interview required
- Starting date: July 1
- Medical and life insurance available
- 10 Federal holidays
- 13 annual leave and 13 sick days (accrued)
- Administrative leave for educational opportunities available
- Staffing component may be optional

*For further information or questions,  
please feel free to contact:*  
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### Application Materials:

- Completed Federal application - NOT the PHORCAS application
- College Transcript
- Letter of Intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- VA reference forms (3 professional)

***Applications must be received by  
the first Friday in January.***

***Please mail to the address below***

***And mark attn.:***

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Clinical Pharmacist Specialist***

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## About the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center

The Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center is located on a beautiful 125 acre campus in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The Medical Center provides primary care, long-term health care, and mental health care services to eligible veterans. The Outpatient Services in Primary Care provides services to thousands of patients each year. Clinical Pharmacists are extensively involved in the Primary Care Clinics to help manage anticoagulation, diabetes mellitus, hyperlipidemia, hypertension, and other disease states. Clinical Pharmacists are also involved in inpatient and outpatient mental health, long term care, and home based primary care.

### RESIDENCY BACKGROUND

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



## Residency purpose

The PGY 2 Pharmacy practice residency in Psychiatry is designed to transition PGY 1 residency graduates from generalist practice 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
- An MUE/DUE
- Participation in Pharmacy Newsletter
- Group discussions with veterans
- Research project with final manuscript
- Education of staff
- Clozapine monitoring and reports
- Pain management and substance abuse tx
- PTSD educational groups
- CE presentation at Samford College of Pharmacy

## RESIDENCY LEARNING EXPERIENCES

### Required Rotations:

#### Longitudinal rotations 12 months

- Research
- Academia
- MHICM/Clozapine—6 months
- Drug info/drug consults—6 months
- Staffing—6 months

#### 2 Months Each:

- Acute inpatient psychiatry
- DRRTP/RRRTP/SRRTP
- **DOM/SMI/recovery—2month**

#### 1 month Each:

- **Orientation**
- **GEC/Dementia**
- **Pain and Substance abuse**
- **Mental health outpatient**
- **Management**

#### Elective Rotations:

- Mental Health Inpatient/Outpatient
- GEC
- Acute

#### SPECIAL FEATURES

- Expanded scope of practice—includes prescriptive authority
- Well defined work schedule (no weekends, no on-call responsibilities)
- Additional opportunities for teaching and research