

Arkansas

THE NATURAL STATE



Sports and Outdoor Adventures

- ◆ Boating and Canoeing
- ◆ Hiking
- ◆ Hunting
- ◆ Water Sports
- ◆ Camping
- ◆ Golfing
- ◆ Fishing
- ◆ Cycling
- ◆ Horseback Riding
- ◆ Arkansas Travelers Baseball
- ◆ College Football
- ◆ College Basketball
- ◆ Little Rock Rangers Soccer
- ◆ Oaklawn Gaming and Racing



Arts and Entertainment

- ◆ River Market
- ◆ Big Dam Bridge/Two Rivers Park
- ◆ Zoo
- ◆ Vibrant nightlife
- ◆ Great local dining
- ◆ Verizon Arena Concerts
- ◆ The Robinson Center
- ◆ Arkansas Symphony Orchestra



- ◆ Arkansas Arts Center
- ◆ Clinton Presidential Library

Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System

The Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (CAVHS), a flagship Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) healthcare provider, is one of the largest and busiest VA medical centers in the country. Its two hospitals, located in Little Rock and North Little Rock, anchor a broad spectrum of inpatient and outpatient healthcare services, ranging from disease prevention, primary care, acute and specialty care, to complex surgical procedures and extended rehabilitative care.

CAVHS serves as a teaching facility for more than 1,600 students and residents enrolled in more than 90 educational programs; its principal affiliate is the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

CAVHS reaches out to Veterans through its 8 Community-Based Outpatient Clinics, Home-Based Primary Care Service, and a VA Drop-In Day Treatment Center for homeless Veterans.

Throughout its rich history, CAVHS has been widely recognized for excellence in education, research, emergency preparedness, and – first and foremost – for a tradition of quality and caring for Arkansas Veterans.

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Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System Pharmacy Residency Program Little Rock, AR

PGY1 Pharmacy Practice

PGY2 Ambulatory Care

PGY2 Geriatrics

PGY2 Pain/Palliative Care



John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital



Eugene J. Towbin Healthcare Center

Program Overview for

Program General Description

The goal of the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (CAVHS) residency program is to provide high-quality learning experiences in a variety of clinical pharmacy practice environments. Under the direction of experienced preceptors, residents will build upon their baseline pharmacy education, develop and apply critical-thinking, problem-solving, and research/investigative skills in real clinical situations, as well as in the design and implementation of their residency project. Residents function as integral members of the health care team, utilizing their unique knowledge as well as effective interpersonal skills to contribute to the optimization of patient care. Teaching and education are key components of the program with opportunities to practice these skills in a variety of settings and audiences. In addition, residents will develop leadership skills through committee involvement and a chief resident experience.

Teaching Certificate Program

CAVHS residents participate in the Teaching Certificate Program through UAMS College of Pharmacy and facilitate the Therapeutics Recitation course for the 2nd year and 3rd year students. Residents receive an appointment from UAMS as a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice. Residents will also act as mentors to PharmD students from the UAMS and Harding University Colleges of Pharmacy as they complete fourth year rotations at CAVHS.

Practice-Related Project/Research Certificate Program

The resident will conceive, develop, and implement an independent practice-related project in conjunction with a preceptor. The project results will be presented at the Central Arkansas Pharmacy Residency Conference and should result in a publishable paper. Residents will be given the opportunity to earn a Research Certificate through the UAMS College of Pharmacy.

Concentrated Rotations

- ◆ Orientation
- ◆ Critical Care
- ◆ Primary Care
- ◆ Internal Medicine
- ◆ Pharmacy Administration
- ◆ Medication Management
- ◆ Geriatrics

Longitudinal Experiences

- ◆ Chief Resident
- ◆ ADR Reporting
- ◆ Non-Formulary Consult Review
- ◆ Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee
- ◆ Pharmacy Nursing Committee
- ◆ Formulary Compliance Committee
- ◆ Drug Information
- ◆ Practice-Related Project
- ◆ Pharmacy Operations/Staffing

Elective Experiences

- ◆ Cardiology
- ◆ Liver Clinic
- ◆ Primary Care/PACT Clinic
- ◆ Psychiatry
- ◆ Infectious Disease
- ◆ Emergency Department
- ◆ Pain Management
- ◆ Palliative Care
- ◆ Community-Based Outpatient Clinic
- ◆ Primary Care Telehealth

Leadership Opportunities

Each PGY1 resident will be designated as Chief Resident for two months during the year. The Chief Resident acts as a point of contact for the residency class as well as assisting with various management duties for the program. In addition, residents will spend a concentrated month with a member of pharmacy leadership to gain an understanding of and participate in pharmacy administrative projects for the facility and/or the VISN.

The residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

Qualifications

All residents must be United States citizens and have graduated from an American Council on Pharmaceutical Education accredited college or school of pharmacy. Applicants must meet requirements for Federal employment, to include satisfactory completion of a physical exam. PGY1 residents are required to be licensed or be eligible for licensure as a pharmacist. **Pharmacist license must be obtained no later than 90 days from the first day of the residency for PGY1 candidates.**

Candidates for the PGY2 Specialty Residencies should have completed an ASHP-accredited PGY1 residency and be licensed as a pharmacist in the US.

Application Checklist

- ◆ Completed CAVHS Residency Application (located on residency website)
- ◆ Curriculum Vitae
- ◆ Pharmacy School Transcript
- ◆ Letter of intent
- ◆ Three electronic references submitted through PhORCAS (Separate letter of recommendation not required)
- ◆ Proof of U.S. Citizenship
- ◆ Copy of Intern/Pharmacist License

Applications will be accepted through PhORCAS only.

Application Deadline is January 3

Salary and Benefits

- ◆ Competitive stipend
- ◆ Paid Vacation Time – 13 days
- ◆ Paid Holidays – 10 days
- ◆ Sick Leave – Accrued at the rate of 4 hours every two weeks
- ◆ Health, Dental, Vision, & Life Insurance Options
- ◆ Travel allowance for professional meetings (subject to availability and approval)
- ◆ Office space and 2 VA white lab coats