Staffing Component

Residents will have required longitudinal and rotation experiences in pharmacy operations.

For the longitudinal experience, residents will work one 8 hour, weekend shift per month and one 3.5 hour evening shift each week. During December, residents will work two 8 hour shifts in the two weeks around Christmas and New Year’s. Residents will be paid as an intermittent pharmacist for these hours.

For the rotation experience, residents will be scheduled for a 6 week block, rotating through inpatient and outpatient operations, and intravenous additives.

Appointment of Applicants

Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of a physical exam, including negative drug test. Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment and must hold U.S. citizenship. Residents must obtain pharmacist licensure by October 1st of the residency year.

For more details and all application materials, please refer to:


Application deadline: January 7, 2019

Interview Notification Date: No later than January 25, 2019

You will need to apply separately to the PGY1 pharmacy residency programs.

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

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency- Ambulatory Care Electives (NMS Code 188321)

Two positions are reserved each year for residents who desire more experience in the ambulatory care setting. Residents choosing to focus in ambulatory care electives will complete the same core, required rotations as other PGY1 pharmacy residents at VA San Francisco but will also complete a 12 week longitudinal experience in additional ambulatory care clinics in lieu of other elective rotations. Applicants must apply separately to this program using the NMS code listed above.

Possible clinics include: Prescription Opioid Safety Team and Addiction Clinic, Hepatitis C Clinic, HIV Clinic, Home Based Primary Care, Geriatrics Clinic, Epilepsy Clinic, Pain Management, Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorder Clinic.

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency— Geriatrics Electives (NMS Code 188322)

One position is reserved each year for a resident who desires more experience in Geriatrics. The resident who chooses to focus in Geriatrics electives will complete the same core, required rotations as other PGY1 pharmacy residents at VA San Francisco but will also complete 12 weeks in Geriatric focused rotations in lieu of other elective rotations. Applicants must apply separately to this program using the NMS code listed above.

Geriatric focused rotations include: Acure Care for the Elders Consult Team, Long Term Care, Palliative Care, Home Based Primary Care, Geriatric Clinic, Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorder Clinic.

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The main San Francisco VA Medical Center is a tertiary care facility authorized for 124 acute hospital beds. A 120-bed nursing home provides extended care services to veterans. Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) provide primary care and some specialty services to veterans throughout Northern California.

The Pharmacy Service

The Pharmacy Service is a progressive department with over 120 employees, including 80 pharmacists. Computerized provider order entry is utilized in all settings, bar code recognition technology is in place for verification and documentation of medication administration, and the patient medical record is fully integrated and available online.

The Pharmacy Service has automation for many of its dispensing activities. The Inpatient Pharmacy provides 24-hour distribution services. The Outpatient Pharmacy fills 800,000 prescriptions per year.

The Pharmacy Service has a formal affiliation with University of California, San Francisco and University of the Pacific Schools of Pharmacy.

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency

Program Structure (NMS Code 188313)

Residents participate in a flexible program which provides a concentrated clinical, teaching, and administrative experience with experienced, individualized preceptorship. Residents may mentor or precept UCSF and UOP clerkship students.

Required clinical rotations include:
- Acute Care (12 weeks)
- Internal Medicine plus choice of Critical Care or Surgical Specialty
- Ambulatory Care Clinics (Diabetes, Hypertension, Hyperlipidemia and Anticoagulation, 6 weeks)
- Emergency Medical Response (code blue and acute stroke) and Simulation (6 weeks)
- Pharmacy Operations (Inpatient order verification and Discharge, Intravenous Additives, 6 weeks)

Elective rotations include:
- Advanced Internal Medicine
- Critical Care
- Infectious Diseases
- Inpatient Anticoagulation
- Geriatrics/Long-term Care
- Medication Safety
- Oncology/Infusion Center
- Pain Management
- Pharmacy Administration
- Surgery Specialty

Other required experiences:
- Formulary Management
- Chief Resident
- Drug Regimen Reviews for Long-term Care
- Introduction to Medication Safety and Adverse Drug Reaction Reporting
- Quality Improvement/Research Project Development

Education in Patient Aligned Care Teams at SFVAHCS (EdPACT)

All PGY1 residents actively participate in the EdPACT program (approximately 25% of time over the year), which promotes a patient-centered, interprofessional learning environment. Residents engage with other trainees throughout the year in team activities which include:
- Weekly team huddles & medication reconciliation
- Population health management
- Collaborative case conferences
- Quality improvement initiatives
- Shared medical appointments

Conferences

Residents are granted administrative leave to attend the following meetings:
- California Society of Health System Pharmacists (CSHP) Seminar
- American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting
- Western States Residency Conference

Residents are required to attend Western States and present their year-long project. Attendance at CSHP and/or ASHP are encouraged to help with recruitment. Due to budget constraints, VA San Francisco cannot guarantee travel funding for residents.