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## Typical Resident Schedule

### JULY

Orientation—5 weeks (Required)

### ROTATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Acute Care— 4 weeks (Required)

Ambulatory Care— 6 weeks  
(Required)

Formulary Management—4 weeks  
(Required)

Practice Management—4 weeks  
(Required)

Electives—12-16 weeks

### LONGITUDINAL EXPERIENCES (All Required)

Home Based Primary Care

Research Project

Staffing (30 shifts)

Teaching & Education

Emergency Medical Management

### CERTIFICATES (Required)

Teaching and Research Certificates—University of Colorado

BLS and ACLS certification

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

## Qualifications

Must be a United States citizen and have graduated from an American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) accredited college or school of pharmacy. All residents are required to become licensed pharmacists in any state by September 30, 2021

## How to Apply

All applications must be submitted electronically using PHORCAS by **January 1, 2021**

Requirements include:

1. Letter of intent expressing interest in our program, why you have chosen to do a residency, and career goals;
2. Curriculum vitae;
3. Pharmacy transcript;
4. Three letters of recommendation

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## For Information or Questions

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*Postgraduate Year 1  
Pharmacy Residency  
Program*

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# VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System

Aurora, Colorado



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Pharmacists since 1983

# *PGY1 Pharmacy Residency*



## **Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center**

The VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System (ECHCS), headquartered in Aurora, Colorado, serves veterans in eastern Colorado and parts of Kansas and provides care for over 89,000 patients. The current Rocky Mountain VA Medical Center is a 128-bed medical/surgical teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Colorado and Regis University. Located in a new, state-of-the-art medical facility, which opened in the summer of 2018. A wide range of inpatient and ambulatory care services are provided, including primary care, surgery, neurology, mental health, infectious diseases, cardiology, pulmonary medicine, oncology, endocrinology and pain management.

## **PGY1 Program Description**

Pharmacists completing this residency will be competent, confident, and compassionate providers of pharmaceutical care, as individuals and as members of the health care team. They will be prepared to accept positions as PGY2 residents, staff pharmacists in adult acute or ambulatory care, or entry level clinical pharmacists in adult acute or ambulatory care.

## **Resident Opportunities**

The residents' experiences throughout the year include acute care, ambulatory care, anticoagulation management, drug policy and formulary management, practice management, geriatrics, research, teaching and education, medical emergency management, and a variety of clinical electives. Residents work collegially with physicians, nurse practitioners, and psychologists throughout the year. Residents may provide care in a variety of ambulatory care clinics, including chronic disease management, anticoagulation, geriatrics, hepatitis C, HIV, and pain management. Residents prepare and present case presentation, journal clubs, and one ACPE accredited presentation. Residents have the opportunity to teach and precept PharmD students from the University of Colorado and Regis University. A residency research project is required, and each resident will present their results at the Mountain States Conference.

## **Residency Preceptors**

Resident preceptors are clinical pharmacists who specialize in their practice area. Clinical pharmacy preceptors place a high value on resident training and are readily accessible to residents.

## **Elective Opportunities**

Residents may choose up to five 4-week elective experiences during the year. The elective time is used to tailor specific interests of the residents within the training program. Elective rotations include: cardiology, critical care, geriatrics, home based primary care, infectious disease, oncology, inpatient and outpatient mental health, pain management, surgery, neurology, and academia.

## **Benefits**

The residency program provides a competitive compensation rate. Residents accumulate 13 days of paid vacation time and have 10 paid holidays per year. Sick leave is accumulated at a rate of 4 hours every 2 weeks. Health insurance is available. Residents share their own office with individual space including a computer and a file cabinet. The hospital subscribes to a wide range of electronic reference materials (Micromedex, UpToDate, Natural Medicines Database).