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

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

For Information or Questions

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Accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists since 1983
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).