

# VA CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

## PGY-2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency



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## VACT PGY-2 GERIATRIC PHARMACY RESIDENCY OVERVIEW

General Information (Refer to ASHP Residency Directory for more detailed information)

- **Duration/Type:** 12 mo/residency
- **Number of Positions:** 1
- **Starting Date:** July 1
- **Estimated Stipend:** \$49,070
- **Interview Required:** Yes
- **Training Site Type:** VA Medical Center (inpatient and outpatient care)
- **Owner Affiliate:** Federal Government
- **Model Type(s):** Teaching
- **Patients Enrolled:** 50,000
- **Tax Status:** Nonprofit
- **Number of Medical Centers:** 1 hospital and 2 ambulatory care clinic sites
- **Total Beds:** 150 (Average census: 120)

### Benefits

The residency program begins July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and ends June 30<sup>th</sup> of the subsequent year. VACT Healthcare System will hire the resident as a 1-year term employee entitled to the following benefits:

- 4 hours of accrued annual leave (vacation) and sick leave per pay period (every two weeks)
- 10 paid holidays
- Health and Life Insurance (80% of premium paid by employer) - a full range of health plans are available

### Required Rotations

- Geriatrics Consult Service
- Community Living Center (CLC)
- Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)
- Geropsychiatry
- Hospice & Palliative Care
- Practice Management
- Inpatient Staffing
- Research Project

Numerous elective opportunities are also available.

## HOW TO APPLY

### Application Requirements

#### To apply you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a graduate of an ASHP- accredited PGY-1 Residency Program
- Be a licensed pharmacist in any state
- Adhere to the rules of the resident matching program process
- Be available for an on-site interview

Applicants must submit their application materials using PhORCAS, the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service.



For more information about using PhORCAS, please visit the ASHP website ([www.ashp.com/phorcas](http://www.ashp.com/phorcas)). Mailed applications will NOT be accepted.

#### Applications must include:

- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcript

Applications should be submitted by January 1st

Please visit our website for additional information:  
[www.vactresidency.shutterfly.com](http://www.vactresidency.shutterfly.com)

If you have any questions about the program or application requirements, please contact :

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# PGY-2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency at VA Connecticut

## ABOUT US

The VA Connecticut (VACT) Healthcare System is an integrated institution which provides a full range of outpatient and inpatient services, with two campus sites located in the central (Newington) and southern (West Haven) parts of the state as well as six primary care Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) located in outlying areas. The Newington Campus is located 20 minutes outside of Hartford and the West Haven Campus is located 15 minutes from New Haven.

## VA CONNECTICUT (VACT) HEALTHCARE SYSTEM:



The VA Connecticut Healthcare System serves more than 50,000 veterans who reside in Connecticut and Southern New England. Affiliations include the Yale University School of Medicine, and the University

of Connecticut School of Medicine and School of Dentistry. VACT is affiliated with the University of Connecticut (UConn), University of St. Joseph (USJ), and Western New England University (WNEU) Schools of Pharmacy. VACT offers PGY-1 Pharmacy, PGY-2 Geriatric Pharmacy, and PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy residencies.

The West Haven Campus has a 150-bed hospital, providing acute medical, surgical, and psychiatric care. A full range of ambulatory care services are provided. VACT conducts research in psychiatry, medicine, surgery, neurology, and related basic sciences. Special research programs in West Haven include national centers for research in schizophrenia, substance abuse, and post-traumatic stress disorder.



The Newington Campus is a center for ambulatory care and diagnostic procedures. Outpatient psychiatric care, medical and surgical sub-specialties are provided .



Community Based Outpatient Clinics located in New London, Winsted, Willimantic, Stamford, Danbury and Waterbury provide primary care to veterans in outlying parts of the state.

## GERIATRIC PHARMACY AT VACT

VACT has a diverse and highly trained clinical pharmacy staff. Clinical Pharmacy Specialists (CPS) at VACT have a scope of practice that allows for prescriptive authority. VACT has a variety of geriatric opportunities that will allow for a well rounded experience for the PGY-2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident which can be targeted to the residents specific interests.

Geriatric Consult Service: The Geriatric Consult service focuses on the care of geriatrics patients in both an inpatient and outpatient setting. The inpatient teams consult the geriatrics consult service for their interdisciplinary expertise. Additionally, the Geriatric clinic is consulted for older outpatients who are seen for geriatrics-related concerns.

Community Living Center (CLC): The CLC is an inpatient unit that specializes in long term care, rehabilitation, respite and hospice/palliative care. Clinical pharmacy services include formulation of drug regimen reviews focusing on disease state management, review of non-formulary drug requests, anticoagulation/pharmacokinetic monitoring, medication reconciliation, management of symptoms at the end of life, and education of staff, patients and their families. This rotation will provide the opportunity for ample interaction with an inter-disciplinary team.

Home Based Primary Care (HBPC): HBPC provides comprehensive, interdisciplinary, primary care for homebound patients with complex medical, social, and behavioral conditions for whom routine clinic-based care is not feasible. The goal of HBPC is providing longitudinal care for patients with complex, chronic, disabling disease. HBPC services include palliative care, rehabilitation, disease management, and coordination of care. Clinical pharmacy services in HBPC help to identify, prevent and resolve medication therapy issues for patients and serve as a drug information expert for the HBPC interdisciplinary team.

Geropsychiatry Clinic: Geropsychiatry provides psychiatric care to a broad range of veterans. The inter-professional geropsychiatry clinic consists of geriatric psychiatry fellows, medical residents, PA students, pharmacy students and residents. Medical and pharmacy trainees jointly examine veterans to ensure appropriate medication management.

Hospice & Palliative Care: Hospice and Palliative Care provides treatment that relieves suffering and helps to control symptoms in a way that respects personal, cultural, and religious beliefs and practices. Patients are assessed by a team and a plan of care is developed to meet medical, social, spiritual and psychological needs. This care is available to Veterans in their home, community, outpatient or inpatient settings.

## WHO WE SERVE

Of the 25 million veterans currently alive, nearly 3 out of every 4 served during a war or official period of hostility. Approximately a quarter of the nation's population (an estimated 70 million people) are potentially eligible for VA benefits and services.

