

# VA CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

## PGY-2 Psychiatry Pharmacy Residency



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950 CAMPBELL AVENUE  
WEST HAVEN, CT 06516

NEWINGTON CAMPUS  
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## VACT PGY-2 PSYCHIATRY 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

- Outpatient Mental Health Clinic
- Geropsychiatry Clinic
- Inpatient Mental Health
- Research Project

### Elective Opportunities

- Consult Liaison Psychiatry
- Psychiatry Emergency Room
- Substance Abuse

## 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 (RMP) 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 7th**

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

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

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## 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:



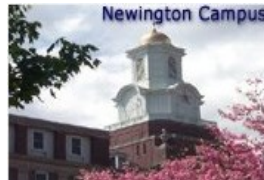
The VA Connecticut Healthcare System serves more than 50,000 veterans who reside in Connecticut and Southern New England. Affiliations include the Yale University School of Medicine, the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and School of Dentistry. VACT is affiliated with the University of Connecticut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



West Haven Campus

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



Newington Campus

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.

## PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACY AT VACT

VACT has a diverse and highly trained clinical pharmacy staff including 3 Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacists (BCPP). Clinical Pharmacy Specialists (CPS) at VA Connecticut have a scope of practice that allows for prescriptive authority.

Outpatient Mental Health Clinic – West Haven: The clinic works closely with the Neuropsychiatric and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Firms. The CPS has a collaborative practice with the director of the Neuropsychiatry Firm and manages veterans with a variety of mental health disorders independently. The PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident will develop the skills needed to evaluate, prescribe, and monitor pharmacotherapy regimens for veterans with mental health disorders and will be responsible for monitoring all the veterans in clozapine clinic (approximately 50 veterans).

Outpatient Mental Health Clinic - Newington: The Newington outpatient Pharmacy Mental Health Clinic (MHC) sees a variety of veterans. The clinic is run independently by the CPS in collaboration with an attending psychiatrist. The MHC is divided into two teams with each team including therapists, medication providers, case managers, and a health technician. Teams meet one to two times a week to discuss veterans with complex mental health needs. The PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident will be a part of the MHC and will also follow patients in Newington clozapine group (approximately 5 veterans).

West Haven Inpatient: VACT has a psychiatric emergency room and 32 bed acute inpatient psychiatric unit. Veterans admitted to the inpatient acute psychiatric unit are assigned to a treatment team (two teams focusing on acute inpatient psychiatry and one team focusing on inpatient substance abuse treatment). Inpatient treatment teams are interdisciplinary consisting of an attending psychiatrist, a nurse, a Yale psychiatry resident, and a social worker. The PGY-2 Psychiatry Resident will round with the inpatient treatment team, perform medication reconciliation, patient education, and other pharmacy services within the inpatient care environment.

Geropsychiatry Clinic: Geropsychiatry provides psychiatric care to a broad range of veterans. The interprofessional 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.

Other Clinical Opportunities: VACT has a variety of mental health treatment opportunities that will allow a well round experience for the PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident. Existing mental health treatment programs include a multilevel substance abuse treatment program with several inpatient beds dedicated to detoxification, day program treatments for substance abuse, a methadone clinic, and a buprenorphine clinic.

## 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.

