This PGY1 Pharmacy Residency incorporates a patient aligned care team (PACT) approach. Clinical pharmacists manage and act as mid-level providers for disease states including anticoagulation, diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia as part of a healthcare team. Residents gain hands-on experience with management of these disease states and by staffing our on-site outpatient pharmacy. A competitive yearly stipend is earned in addition to vacation days and sick leave. Healthcare benefits are also available.

**Rotations**

**Longitudinal Rotations: all year**
- Pharm PACT: management of diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia
- Anticoagulation Clinic
- Drug Information
- Outpatient Pharmacy Staffing

**Core Rotations**
- Patient Safety
- Preceptorship
- Pharmacy Benefits Management
- Women’s Health
- Endocrinology
- Mental Health

**Elective Rotations**
- Infectious Disease
- Home Based Primary Care
- Community Based Outpatient Clinic
- Nursing Home

**Projects**
- Medication Utilization Evaluation: poster presented at ASHP Midyear Meeting
- Research Project: present findings at Florida Residency Conference
- Two 1-hour Continuing Education Presentations

The Lee County VA Healthcare Center is one of eight outpatient clinics within the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. It is located in Cape Coral, a city in southwest Florida with over 400 miles of canals. Very close to Fort Myers, Cape Coral was also named #1 out of 25 in “America’s Fastest Growing Cities in 2017” by Forbes magazine. Some of the many attractions in our area include:

- **Hertz Arena** - SW FL’s premier entertainment venue and home of the Florida Everblades Ice Hockey Team
- **JetBlue Park** - baseball park and home of spring training for the Boston Red Sox
- **Downtown Fort Myers** - great for night life
- **Harborside Convention Center** - UFC fighting, performances, flea markets, etc.
- **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center** - art exhibits, plays, dances, and music events
- **Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall** - Broadway shows, concerts, dances, etc.
- **Beautiful beaches** nearby - Fort Myers beach, Sanibel Island, and Captiva Island
- **Florida Everglades National Park** - walking trails, airboats rides, camping, boating, etc.
- **Sun Splash Water Park**
- **Busch Gardens Amusement Park** – Tampa is only a 2 hour drive away
- **Disney, Universal, and SeaWorld** – Orlando is only a 3 hour drive away

Come join our clinical pharmacy team in sunny Southwest Florida!
Requirements

- The applicant must possess a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree (Pharm.D.) from an ACPE-accredited college.
- All residents will be required to successfully complete a state board examination. Licensure may be through any U.S. State Board of Pharmacy.
- It is preferred that Board Examination is complete prior to starting the residency; however there is some flexibility. You must be licensed by October 31st.
- U.S. citizenship is required.
- The applicant must be registered with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists' Matching Program.
- Application Deadline: January 4, 2021
- An interview is required for all invited applicants
- Minimum GPA: 3.0
- Once selected, the resident must attend a one to two week orientation at Bay Pines VA Healthcare System’s main facility near St. Petersburg, Florida.
- Once selected, the resident must become a member of ASHP and attend Midyear.

Southwest Florida serves a large Veteran population including those with recent military service and those who have served in decades past. This 220,000ft² facility opened December 17, 2012, with contemporary design, state-of-art equipment and expanded services to better serve the increased needs of our Nation’s Heroes.

Services offered at the Lee County facility include:

- Primary care
- Mental health
- Audiology
- Cardiology
- Imaging
- Optometry
- Anticoagulation clinic
- Dermatology
- Pulmonary
- Gastroenterology
- Home/community care
- Neurology
- Orthopedics
- Physical therapy
- Podiatry
- Prosthetics
- Tobacco cessation
- Telehealth
- Social work
- Urology
- Dental
- Women’s healthcare
- Ambulatory surgery
- Phlebotomy

Visit our website for more information:
https://www.baypines.va.gov/BAYPINES/clinemp/PharmacyCareer/index.asp

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