Residency Description

This PGY1 Pharmacy Residency incorporates a patient aligned care team approach. Clinical pharmacists manage disease states including anticoagulation, diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemias, with other members of the healthcare team.

Residents also gain hands-on pharmacy experience by staffing in the on-site outpatient pharmacy.

A competitive yearly stipend is earned in addition to vacation and sick leave. Healthcare benefits are also available.

Rotations

**Longitudinal Rotations: all year**
- PACT: management of diabetes, hypertension and dyslipidemias.
- Anticoagulation Clinic
- Staffing

**Quarterly Rotations**
- Management
- Home-Based Primary Care
- Preceptorship
- Ambulatory Surgery Counseling
- Drug Information
- PBM

**Elective Rotations**
- Community Based Outpatient Center
- Nursing Home
- Hepatitis C

**Projects**
- Medication Utilization Evaluation, presented as a poster at ASHP Midyear Meeting
- Research Project, presented at Florida Residency Conference
- FSHP 1 hr Continuing Education presentation for local pharmacists
- Additional journal clubs, in-services and other projects

Southwest Florida

This location has a wide variety of housing options from apartments and condos, suburban neighborhoods (Cape Coral, Fort Myers & Estero) and more quiet neighborhoods (Lehigh Acres)

- Germain Arena– Home of the Florida Everblades Hockey Team, venue for concerts, monster trucks, circuses, musicals and more
- Downtown Fort Myers– Great for night life
- Harborside Convention Center- UFC fighting, performances, flea markets, etc.
- Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center- plays, dance, modeling, costume parties
- Barbara B Mann Theater- Concerts, comedians, broad way shows, etc...
- Fort Myers Beach– beautiful beach stretch with restaurants, shopping, popular spring break hangout
- Immokalee Casino
- Close to Florida Everglades National Park with walking trails, airboats rides
- Sun Splash Water Park
- Many Southwest Florida beaches!!
- Busch Gardens Amusement Park– Tampa about 2 hr drive
- Orlando– Disney, Universal, Seaworld about 4 hr drive

Lee County VA Healthcare Center

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency
Accepting 2 residency positions

Come join our clinical pharmacy team at our brand new facility in sunny, Southwest Florida!
**Requirements**

- The applicant must possess a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree (PharmD) 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 September.
- U.S. citizenship is required.
- The applicant must be registered with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists’ Matching Program.
- Application Deadline: January 6, 2014
- An on-site interview is required for all applicants.
- Minimum GPA: 3.0
- If selected, the resident must attend a 2 week orientation at Bay Pines VA Healthcare Center near St. Petersburg, Florida.
- Once selected, applicant must become a member of ASHP, and attend Midyear.

Southwest Florida serves a population of over 200,000 veterans, both young veterans, returning from recent deployment and aged veterans from previous wars. Our new clinic was expanded to better serve this large patient population. The brand new 220,000 square feet facility opened December 17, 2012, with contemporary design, state-of-art equipment and expanded services.

Services offered include at the Lee County facility:

- primary care
- mental health
- audiology
- cardiology
- x-ray
- ultrasound
- anticoagulation clinic
- dermatology
- eye care
- gastroenterology and endoscopic procedures
- home/community care
- neurology
- nuclear imaging
- nutrition counseling
- orthopedics
- pharmacy consultation
- outpatient pharmacy
- podiatry
- prosthetics
- rheumatology
- tobacco cessation
- telehealth
- social work
- urology
- dental
- women’s care

Visit our website for more information about the residency: [http://www.baypines.va.gov/clinemp/PharmacyCareer/](http://www.baypines.va.gov/clinemp/PharmacyCareer/)

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