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Post-Graduate Year Two (PGY2) Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency



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Residency Purpose and Goals

The PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency is a one year post-graduate training program designed to develop clinical expertise as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in the area of psychiatric and neurologic pharmacotherapeutics.

The training includes both outpatient and inpatient learning experiences devoted to the development of skills essential for the delivery of pharmaceutical care with a principal focus on psychiatry. Graduates of our residency program will be able to provide exemplary patient-centered medication therapy for individuals with psychiatric and neurologic disorders as members of the health care team, serve as knowledgeable psychiatric pharmacy rotation preceptors, and effectively communicate and educate other health care professionals, patients, and the community on topics in psychiatry and neurology.



Learning Experiences

REQUIRED:

- Adult Outpatient Psychiatry -Clozapine Clinic
- Adult Outpatient Psychiatry - General Mental Health Clinic
- Adult Outpatient Psychiatry - Substance Abuse
- Adult Outpatient Psychiatry - PTSD

- Inpatient Geriatric Psychiatry
- Neurology

- Adult Inpatient Psychiatry
- Consultation Liaison Psychiatry
- Mental Health Intensive Case Management (MHICM)

ELECTIVE:

- Adult Inpatient Institutional Psychiatry
- Pain Management
- Domiciliary Psychiatry
- Academia/Teaching Certificate Program
- Administration
- Residency Project
- Mental Health Interprofessional Team Clinic
- Metabolic Clinic
- Drug Information Service
- Mental Health E-Consult Service

Seminars and conferences (attendance to at least one)

- College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) Annual Meeting (Required)
- American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting (Optional)
- Other meeting with program director’s approval

Benefits

- Estimated stipend \$47,000/year
- 10 paid holidays
- 13 vacation days (4 hours accrued per pay period)
- 13 sick days (4 hours accrued per pay period)
- Health insurance available
- Affiliated with six major schools of pharmacy
- Computerized medical records
- Access to multiple online resources
- Accept licensure from any state

Preceptors

MENTAL HEALTH PHARMACY TEAM:
Guadalupe Garcia, Pharm.D., BCPP, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Psychiatry, Residency Director, PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy

Nicole Elharar, Pharm.D., BCPS, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, PTSD and Substance Abuse, Associate Director, PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy

Molly Leach, Pharm.D., BCPS, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Inpatient Psychiatry

PRECEPTORS

Nick Beckey, Pharm.D., BCPS, Chief, Pharmacy

Tina Cha, Pharm.D., Associate Chief, Pharmacy

Hiroko Forbes, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacy Supervisor

Brad Dansky, MD, Staff Psychiatrist, Mental Health Intensive Case Management (MHICM)

Application Process

- U.S. citizenship is required
- Letter of intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- 3 letters of recommendation in addition to the form to be completed in PhORCAS/WebAdMIT
- Official university pharmacy school transcripts
- On-site interview with formal 20 minute presentation
- Completion of an ASHP accredited PGY1 residency program

Applications must be received by January 4th of application year

All application materials must be submitted through PhORCAS/WebAdMIT

Please call or e-mail questions to:

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