Benefits

• 10 paid holidays
• 13 vacation days
• 13 sick days
• Salary $47,830
• Optional health insurance

Application Process

• Please submit application materials via PhORCAS
• Letter of intent
• Curriculum vitae
• 3 letters of recommendation
• Official university transcripts
• On-site interview with formal 20-minute clinical presentation
• Completion of an ASHP-accredited PGY1 residency or one in the ASHP accreditation process

Application deadline:
January 9th

Pharmacy Residency
Pain Management and Palliative Care
Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2)

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Program Description
The Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in West Palm Beach offers a PGY2 Pharmacy Residency in Pain Management and Palliative Care as a one year post PGY1 pharmacy residency program designed to provide the resident with advanced knowledge, expertise, common skills, and abilities required to provide pain management and palliative care. It also provides exposure to the development of pain related policies within the Department of Veterans Affairs ensuring safe opioid use. The ultimate goal of the program is to enhance the resident's competence and skills as a productive member of the interdisciplinary health care team in the areas of chronic pain management, substance use disorder, hospice/palliative care, acute pain management and pain stewardship and upon graduation obtain a pain and/or palliative care clinical pharmacy specialist position.

Core Learning Experiences
• Orientation
• Chronic Non-Malignant Pain and CARA Outpatient clinics (8-12 weeks + 6 months longitudinal)
• Hospice/Interprofessional Palliative Care (8-12 weeks + 6 months longitudinal)
• Pain eConsults & Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Pain Procedures (4 weeks)
• Psychiatry/Substance Abuse (4 weeks)
• Acute Pain Management and Pain Stewardship (4 weeks)
• Program Administration and Residency Project Longitudinal (12 months)

Interdisciplinary Team
The program consists of an interdisciplinary team which includes the following:
• Pharmacists
• Anesthesiologist
• Addiction Psychiatrist
• Physiatrists
• Hospice and Palliative Care Physicians
• Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse Practitioners
• Pain Psychologist
• Acupuncturist
• Chiropractor
• Physical and Occupational Therapists
• Nursing Personnel
• Social Workers
• The resident will work as an active member of this interdisciplinary team and will gain experience in all aspects of pain management, palliative care, substance use disorder including Whole Health approaches to pain management. In addition the resident will precept pharmacy students (local colleges of pharmacy) and PGY1 residents.

Additional Learning Experiences

Elective Learning Experiences
• Hematology and Oncology (4 weeks)
• Rheumatology (2 weeks)
• Inpatient/outpatient hospice with Trustbridge Health (2 weeks)
• Home-Based and Outpatient Primary Care (4 weeks)
• Neurology at Miami VA Medical Center or Orlando VA Medical Centers (2-4 weeks)
• Academia (4 weeks)
• Heart Failure Transitions in Care (2-4 weeks)
• Emergency Medicine at JFK hospital (4 weeks)

Longitudinal Learning Experiences
• Interprofessional Palliative & Hospice Care (6 months)
• Chronic Non-Malignant Pain and Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery (CARA) Outpatient clinics (6 months)
• Residency Project (12 months)
• Program Administration (12 months)
• Optional teaching certificate through Nova Southeastern University or Palm Beach Atlantic University (6-12 months)

Seminars & Conferences
• ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting or pain or palliative care specialty meeting (paid registration may not be supplied)
• Palm Beach Atlantic University Pharmacy Update and Residency Forum