U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Atlanta VA Health Care System

About Atlanta VA Health Care System:

The Atlanta VA is a level 1A tertiary care facility which delivers patient-centered healthcare via an array of comprehensive medical, surgical, and geriatric specialty services, as well as state-of–the-art diagnostic testing. The main medical center is located in the beautiful city of Decatur, just minutes from downtown Atlanta. As a teaching and research institution, affiliation with other educational organizations is an integral part of our practice. Affiliations include Emory University, Morehouse University, Mercer University, and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

We Stay with VA!

At the Atlanta VA Health Care System, over half of the Clinical Pharmacy Specialists have completed a VA residency and continued as a full-time VA employee!

Training as a VA pharmacy resident provides you with the specialized skills needed to become an exceptional VA employee.

Check out the benefits the VA has to offer!
www.vacareers.va.gov/careers/pharmacists

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PGY-2 GERIATRIC PHARMACY RESIDENCY PROGRAM

1670 Clairmont Rd | Decatur, GA 30033

Program Goals:

The Atlanta VA Health Care System offers one position for a one-year ASHP-candidate status* PGY-2 residency in geriatrics. The PGY-2 program builds on the knowledge and skills acquired during PGY-1 training to prepare pharmacists to be capable of managing the complex needs of older adults. The primary focus of the residency is to provide training in geriatric pharmacy management principles. Graduates of this program will be independent and compassionate practitioners providing direct patient care in diverse health care environments.

Requirements*:

*Note: This program is ASHP accredited as of 5/5/020

- ❑ U.S. Citizenship
- ❑ Licensure maintained in good standing to practice in the U.S.
- ❑ Completion of an ASHP Accredited PGY-1 pharmacy residency program (residency certificate due within 2 weeks of start date)
- ❑ VA Form 10-2850D: Applications for Health Professions Trainees
- ❑ VA Form OF-306: Declaration for Federal Employment
  - VA Forms can be found at www.va.gov/vaforms
- ❑ Letter of Intent
- ❑ Curriculum Vitae
- ❑ Official pharmacy school transcript
- ❑ Three letters of recommendations (including one from PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Director)
- ❑ Application submitted via PhORCAS

** Requirements may vary for early commitment applications. Failure to complete all requirements by deadlines may result in disqualification or termination.*

Program Description:

Core Experiences:

- **Concentrated:**
  - Geriatric PACT
  - Long-Term Care
  - Home-Based Primary Care
- **Rotations:**
  - Palliative Care
  - Cardiology/Endocrinology
  - Antimicrobial Stewardship
  - Pharmacy Administration
  - Geropsychiatry

    ** Resident must demonstrate ability to practice independently prior to this rotational experience*

Longitudinal Experiences:

- Conferences
  - ASHP Midyear
  - Southeastern Residency Conference (SERC)
  - American Geriatrics Society (AGS)

    ** Pending abstract acceptance & funding*
- Journal Club
- Grand Rounds
- Geriatric Research Education Clinical Center (GRECC)

Elective Experiences:

- Hematology/Oncology
- Hepatitis C Clinic
- Nephrology/Rheumatology
- Mercer University Pharmacy Teaching Certificate Program
- May repeat any rotational experiences as approved

Program Benefits:

- Competitive stipend ($47,252, as of 2019, may vary)
- Health and life insurance offered
- Paid leave: 13 vacation days, 13 sick days
- 10 federal holidays

How to Apply:

Please apply via PhORCAS

NMS code: 782054

Application Deadline: January 10th.

L to R: Dr. Paige Wallace, PGY2 Resident 2018-2019
Dr. Odiri Duru, PGY2 Resident 2019-2020

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