



Dear Prospective Residency Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at the Atlanta Veterans' Affairs Medical Center (VAMC). The goal of our residency program is to foster exceptional clinical pharmacy professionals that develop into competent, independent, and compassionate members of the health care team. Our program will instill the mission, visions, and values of our hospital while creating an environment which encourages learning and growth.

The pharmacy department at the Atlanta VAMC offers a wide variety of opportunities for clinical development. Our pharmacy staff includes over 50 Clinical Pharmacy Specialists, 15 inpatient pharmacists, and 25 outpatient pharmacists. In addition to having pharmacy representation in many specialty areas, our pharmacist participate in interdisciplinary teams that impact patient care and hospital operations. Most exceptional is that all our clinical pharmacists have provider status and offer direct patient care under an advanced scope of practice. We are excited to be leaders in pharmacy career advancement and are passionate about teaching new practitioners.

Attached you will find additional information about our residency program. We appreciate your interest in the Atlanta VAMC and look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

*Kathy Davari, Pharm.D.*

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## **SETTING**

The Atlanta VA Medical Center is a level 1A tertiary care facility which delivers patient-centered healthcare via an array of comprehensive medical, surgical, geriatric specialty services, as well as state-of-the-art diagnostic testing throughout 14 sites of care. The main medical center is located in the beautiful city of Decatur, just minutes from downtown Atlanta.

## **RESIDENCY PROGRAM PURPOSE STATEMENT**

Pharmacists completing this residency will be competent, compassionate, and independent practitioners providing patient-centered care in diverse health care environments. They will be skilled in educating health care professionals, patients, and others regarding medication-related issues. They will practice professionally and with high personal standards in order to be an effective member of the health care team.

## **EDUCATIONAL AFFILIATION**

As a teaching and research institution, affiliation with other educational organizations is an integral part of our practice. Affiliations include, but are not limited to, Emory University, Morehouse University, Mercer University, and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

## **POST-GRADUATE YEAR ONE PHARMACY RESIDENCY (PGY1)**

The residency is a one-year postgraduate program that provides training in different areas of pharmacy practice. Our program is accredited by ASHP and offers three residency positions.



## **LEARNING EXPERIENCES:**

### *Core Experiences*

- Concentrated:
  - Orientation
- Rotational:
  - Critical Care
  - Geriatric/Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Centers (GRECC)
  - Emergency Medicine
  - Infectious Disease/Antimicrobial Stewardship
  - Internal Medicine
  - Mental Health
  - Primary Care/Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT)
- Extended:
  - Long-term Care
- Longitudinal:
  - Drug Distribution/Staffing
  - Journal Club
  - Pharmacy Administration/Practice Management
- Conferences
  - Atlanta Pharmacy Resident Information Exchange (APRIE)
  - ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
  - South Eastern Residency Conference (SERC)
- Elective Rotations
  - Cardiology/Endocrinology
  - Infectious Disease: HIV & Hep C
  - Nephrology
  - Oncology/Hematology

- Palliative Care
- Rheumatology/Pain Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R)
- May repeat any rotational experiences as approved

#### *Other Experiences*

*Include, but are not limited to, the following:*

- Chief Resident Responsibilities
- Formulary Management
- Drug Information
- In-services to Medical/Pharmacy Staff
- Medication Use Evaluation (MUE)
- Mentoring Pharmacy Students
- Pharmacy Grand Rounds
- Pharmacy Newsletter
- Pharmacy & Therapeutics Meetings
- Pharmacy Quality Assurance
- Research Project
- Teaching Certificate Program through Mercer University (*Optional*)
- Topic Discussions

#### **RESIDENCY PAY AND BENEFITS**

- Program Start Date: June 26, 2017
- Salary: \$43,049 (Based on 2016 budget, subject to change)
- Benefits: 13 days of both paid annual leave and sick leave, 10 federal holidays, comprehensive health insurance coverage.

#### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS**

*Applicant Requirements:*

- U.S. Citizenship. Naturalized citizens must provide proof of naturalization.
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an accredited School of Pharmacy
- Completion of pharmacy board within 90 days of graduation

*Application Process:*

Complete application packet and submit via Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS) by **January 11, 2017** ([www.ashp.org/phorcass](http://www.ashp.org/phorcass)). Please include the following with your application:

- ✓ Letter of Intent
- ✓ Letters of Recommendation from 3 Clinical Preceptors or Employers
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae
- ✓ Official transcripts from all schools of pharmacy attended
- ✓ Application for Associated Health Occupations (VA form 10-2850C) - [www.va.gov/vaforms](http://www.va.gov/vaforms)
- ✓ Application for Health Professions Trainees (Form 10-2850D) - [www.va.gov/vaforms](http://www.va.gov/vaforms)

An onsite interview with a short presentation will be required (presentation criteria will be provided to selected candidates). We will contact selected candidates in January/February to schedule interviews. Once all interviews are completed, we will submit our rank order list of candidates to the National Matching Service.

#### **FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:**

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