

# POSTGRADUATE YEAR ONE (PGY1) PHARMACY RESIDENCY



**Purpose Statement:** The ICVAHCS PGY-1 Pharmacy residency program builds on Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, eligible for board certification and eligible for postgraduate year two (PGY-2) pharmacy residency training. The ICVAHCS is a teaching hospital providing the unique opportunity for our residents to engage in direct patient care, practice management and medication related education.

**Program Description:** Residents will gain valuable clinical experience in the ambulatory care and inpatient setting. Besides clinical activities, residents are appointed adjunct faculty status at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy and will participate in precepting/teaching pharmacy students. Residents will also participate in patient and staff education, present formal lectures, case discussions and journal clubs, and respond to drug information questions. Residents are required to conduct a research project, present the results, and summarize in a manuscript suitable for publication.

**Required Experiences:** administration, anticoagulation clinic, University of Iowa College of Pharmacy teaching program (PEPPR), formulary management service, internal medicine, medication safety, primary care clinics (PACT), project development and staffing.

**Residents will select 3 elective experiences:** antimicrobial stewardship (ID), diabetes/endocrinology, ICU, oncology, pain, palliative care, psychiatry (inpatient and outpatient), transplant & virology

**Positions:** 4      **Appointment Period:** 12 months, starting June 20, 2023      **Salary:** \$41,742/year

**Benefits:** Federal employee medical health benefits. Accrue vacation and sick days, observe federal government holidays, continuing education opportunities and partial travel funds available.

<https://www.va.gov/iowa-city-health-care/work-with-us/internships-and-fellowships/pharmacy-residency-programs/>

## Recruitment Events

- Attending ASHP Midyear Booth 6262 Tuesday, Dec 6 1-4pm
- Participating in the VA Virtual Pharmacy Showcase Thursday, Dec 8 1-3 pm (CST)  
This showcase is open to ALL pharmacy students. Additional information will be shared with deans across the country at every college of pharmacy
- Participating in ASHP Virtual Residency Showcase Thursday, Dec 15 TBD
- University specific recruitment events (Drake University and University of Iowa)



**Please contact us for an individual virtual meeting if unable to make an above event**  
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## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Please submit all materials required in PhORCAS. Applications submitted outside the PhORCAS system will not be accepted. We encourage applicants to customize their cover letter to our program. Applicants should expand on why they are interested in our program, with specific career goals and characteristics which make them a strong candidate.

Please include all scheduled APPE rotations on your CV with a description of activities performed and presentations given.

The applicant should have three individuals complete the standardized reference template in PhORCAS. We recommend each applicant select individuals who can comment on their clinical knowledge and/or work in a pharmacy setting.

### Requirements for Applicants:

According to ASHP applicants to all pharmacy residencies must be a graduate or candidate for graduation of an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredited degree program (or one in process of pursuing accreditation) or have a Foreign Pharmacy Graduation Equivalency Committee (FPGEC) certificate from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). At a minimum, the program must be a five-year pharmacy degree program.

The Department of Veterans Affairs adheres to all federal Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action policies. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA)/Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) oversees all clinical health professions training programs. To participate in training at a VA you will receive a Federal Appointment. However, to be appointed you must be eligible. Please review this checklist to confirm eligibility: [https://www.va.gov/OAA/docs/2021HPTInstructionsv4\\_1.pdf](https://www.va.gov/OAA/docs/2021HPTInstructionsv4_1.pdf)

Applicants to the Iowa City VA PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program will have maintained a pharmacy GPA >3.0 or pass/fail equivalent\* (\*No repeated pharmacy course; must pass all pharmacy courses and must be in top 50% of pharmacy class). Qualified candidates will need to be licensed pharmacists (by August 15). Iowa licensure is not required. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen by the application deadline.

This residency site agrees no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking related information from any applicant.

**Application Deadline:** January 4

Personal interviews with a 15-20 minute presentation are required. Virtual interviews will be conducted this year using Microsoft Teams. All applicants will be notified of their interview status no later than February 14.

For further information, address all correspondence to:

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