About the Hines VA Hospital

Located 12 miles west of downtown Chicago, the Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital is a comprehensive health care center serving the veteran population of the greater metropolitan Chicago and northwest Indiana regions and is institutionally affiliated with the Loyola University Medical Center.

Hines offers primary, long term care, home care, and specialty care and serves as a tertiary care referral center for other VHA facilities. Specialized clinical programs include Blind Rehabilitation, Spinal Cord Injury, Neurosurgery, Radiation Therapy and Cardiovascular Surgery.

The VA currently operates ~470 hospital beds, including acute care and nursing home beds, in addition to 6 community based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) in Elgin, Kankakee, Oak Lawn, Aurora, LaSalle, and Joliet. Hines has an integrated research program encompassing HSR&D and a cooperative studies program.

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**Hines VA PGY2 Infectious Diseases Residency**

**Purpose:**
PGY2 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in specialized areas of practice. PGY2 residencies provide residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and incorporating both into the provision of patient care or other advanced practice settings. Residents who successfully complete an accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency are prepared for advanced patient care, academic, or other specialized positions, along with board certification, if available.

**Description:**
This 12-month residency program is designed to provide comprehensive learning experiences in a variety of Infectious Diseases-related areas to afford the resident(s) opportunity to advance and solidify their Infectious Diseases pharmacotherapy knowledgebase in order to qualify for an Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacy Specialist position upon graduation. Specifically, the resident will develop skills and abilities in Antimicrobial Stewardship, HIV/AIDS pharmacotherapy and general infectious diseases that will enable him/her to contribute both clinically and academically to the field of Infectious Diseases pharmacy practice.

The goals and objectives of the program have been adapted from the goals and objectives developed by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). More specific objectives and a list of activities have been developed for each rotation to help establish expectations for the resident. Additional practice experiences may be developed to meet the needs and interests of residents.

**Learning Experiences:**
- Orientation/Pharmacy Operations
- Microbiology Lab
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- ID Consult Service
- Internal Medicine
- Critical Care
- Hepatology/Transplant
- Transplant Infectious Diseases
- Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM)
- Didactic/formal lecture for Pharmacy Students

**Longitudinal experiences:**
- Research/QA/QI project
- ID/HIV outpatient clinic
- ID Pharmacy Administration
- Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT)

**Residency Benefits:**
- Competitive stipend
- 11 paid holidays, 13 vacation days, 13 sick days
- Professional travel reimbursement, when possible

**Residency Application Requirements:**
- U.S. citizenship
- Pharm.D. with successful completion of ASHP accredited PGY1 residency
- Academic transcript
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of intent
- Three letters of recommendation

Please check out the Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital PGY2 Infectious Diseases Residency Listing on the ASHP website and/or contact the Residency Program Director for additional information. You may also visit Pharmacy Residency Programs | VA Hines Health Care | Veterans Affairs to obtain more information about the facility and the residency programs.