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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The purpose of this PGY2 residency is to provide comprehensive learning experiences in a variety of Infectious Diseases-related areas in order to afford the resident opportunity to advance and solidify their Infectious Diseases pharmacotherapy knowledgebase. The resident will have the opportunity to be involved in the care of a variety of infectious disease states in diverse patient populations, including acute care, surgical care, medical intensive care, spinal cord injury, and long term care.

Teaching opportunities will be available for the resident with PGY1 residents as well as pharmacy students from affiliated universities, including University of Illinois Chicago College of Pharmacy, Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy, Chicago State University, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Colleges of Pharmacy, and Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. Inter-professional teaching opportunities with the ID medical fellows and residents will also be integrated into this residency training.

**Learning Experiences:**
- Microbiology Lab
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- ID Consult Service
- Internal Medicine
- Critical Care
- Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM)

Longitudinal experiences:
- Research
- ID/HIV clinic
- Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT)
- Hepatitis C clinic
- Infection Control
- Pharmacokinetics/IV to PO services

**Residency Benefits:**
- Competitive stipend
- 10 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 interest
- 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.