The Lexington VA Medical Center is a fully accredited, two-division, tertiary care medical facility. The Leestown Division, established in 1931, has a Community Living Center with hospice and respite services, primary care, home based primary care, prosthetics, optometry, mental health and substance abuse treatment, women’s health, acute rehabilitation, and post-traumatic stress disorder residential rehabilitation treatment.

The Cooper Division, established in 1973, was built adjacent to the University of Kentucky, and offers specialty outpatient care, inpatient acute medical, neurological, surgical and psychiatric care.

The medical center is part of the VA Mid-South Healthcare Network, and provides care to over 33,000 Veterans each year. The health-system serves the central and eastern Kentucky areas, and is affiliated with the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy.

APPLICATION PROCESS
Please include all of the following:
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official college transcripts
- Letter of interest
- VA application:
- Application deadline is January 3rd
- Submit all application materials via PhORCAS

Residency Program Director:
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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The residency is a full-time obligation with a minimum of 2,080 hours extended over 52 weeks. Core clinic training sites and elective clinic experiences are listed below:

REQUIRED EXPERIENCES
- Inpatient Psychiatry
- Mental Health Clinic
- Substance Abuse/PTSD Residential Treatment
- Inpatient Neurology
- Outpatient Neurology Clinic
- Practice Management

ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES
- Geriatrics
- Chronic Inpatient Psychiatry
- Academic Detailing
- Pain Management
- Interprofessional Development

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
- UK College of Pharmacy Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Certificate Program
- Didactic Lecturing at the UK College of Pharmacy
- Educational in-services/presentations
- Medication Use Evaluation

MAJOR PROJECT

The resident is required to complete a major research project and submit a manuscript for publication in a peer reviewed journal. A research advisory committee will assist the resident in the project selection, research design and completion.

EDUCATIONAL LEAVE

The resident is given educational leave with pay to attend and present at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and the Great Lakes Pharmacy Residency Conference and/or the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists Annual Meeting.

STIPEND-BENEFITS

The VA Health Administration sets annual residency stipends and benefits for all VA residency programs. The stipend for PGY2 residents is currently $44,651.

Benefits include 13 days each of vacation and sick leave/family care and 10 paid federal holidays.

Unused vacation and sick time are transferrable to future federal positions.

Health and life insurance are also available.

QUALIFICATIONS

Resident must:
- Be a United States Citizen
- Have completed an ASHP-accredited PGY1 pharmacy residency
- Hold an active pharmacy license
- Be eligible for licensure in the state of Kentucky (required for UK HealthCare electives)

DESCRIPTION

The PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at the Lexington VA Medical Center is a one-year specialty residency designed to develop a clinical specialist with expertise in psychiatry. The residency program includes training in a variety of psychiatric, neurologic, and multidisciplinary settings at both the Lexington VA Medical Center and Eastern State Hospital. The resident will also participate in administrative and clinical development projects, as well as conduct a research project. Teaching opportunities include lecturing and facilitating teaching labs at the UK College of Pharmacy, as well as precepting pharmacy students. By completing this comprehensive training program, the resident will be equipped with excellent leadership and clinical skills and prepared to practice as a proficient, well-rounded clinical pharmacy specialist in a psychiatric setting.

RESIDENCY PROGRAM