The Lexington Veterans Affairs Medical Center is a fully accredited, two-division, tertiary care medical center. 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.

Lexington VA Medical Center operates outpatient clinics in Somerset, Morehead, Hazard, and Berea, Kentucky.

The medical center is part of the VA MidSouth Healthcare Network and is affiliated with the University of Kentucky.

Over 36,000 Veterans receive health care at the Lexington VA Medical Center and its facilities annually.

APPLICATION PROCESS
Please include all of the following:
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three Phorcas references
- Official college transcripts
- Letter of interest
- VA Application


Application deadline is January 3rd.
Submit all application materials via PhORCAS.

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RESIDENCY PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION
The PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency at the Lexington VA Medical Center is a one-year specialty residency designed to develop a clinical specialist with expertise in ambulatory care. The residency program includes training in a variety of pharmacist-managed and multidisciplinary clinic settings at the Lexington VA Medical Center. 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 an ambulatory care setting.

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

REQUIRED EXPERIENCES
- Primary Care (emphasis in diabetes, hypertension, and lipid management)
- Anticoagulation Clinic
- Formulary Management/Clinical Pharmacoeconomics

ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES
- Pain Management
- Neurology Clinic
- Mental Health Clinic
- Cardiology Clinic
- Hepatitis C Clinic
- Hematology/Oncology
- Home Based Primary Care/GeriPACT
- Endocrinology/Diabetes Clinic
- Other VA or UK Specialty Clinics

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 Resident Conference.

STIPEND - BENEFITS
The VA Health Administration sets annual residency stipends and benefits for all VA residency programs. The stipend for PGY2 residents is currently $44,597.

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

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

Health and life insurance are also available.

QUALIFICATIONS
Resident must:
- be a United States citizen
- have completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency
- hold an active pharmacy license
- be eligible for licensure in the state of Kentucky (required for UK HealthCare electives)

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Research project
- UK College of Pharmacy Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Certificate Program
- Didactic lecturing at the UK College of Pharmacy
- Precept pharmacy students
- Educational in-services/presentations
- Medication use evaluation
- Pharmacy staffing experience