



VA Boston Healthcare System (VABHS) exists to serve veterans through the delivery of timely, quality care by staff who demonstrate outstanding customer service, the advancement of health care through research, and the education of tomorrow's health care providers.

VABHS consists of three campuses: **Jamaica Plain, West Roxbury, and Brockton** where pharmacists are responsible for providing pharmaceutical care in a variety of ambulatory care and inpatient settings.

Clinical Pharmacy Specialists (CPS) are actively involved in the management of patients with various disease states and work closely with other health care professionals. CPS at VABHS have prescriptive privileges under an approved scope of practice.

Residents are exposed to a wide variety of additional experiences and opportunities. VABHS has strong relationships that provide teaching opportunities with two pharmacy schools in Boston: Northeastern University and MCPHS University. There is also an optional teaching certificate program available which networks with other programs in Boston.

All PGY-1 residents at VABHS have flexibility with rotation choices and elective experiences. During the 12 week ambulatory blocks, the residents will spend a minimum of two days in primary care clinic, one day in anticoagulation clinic and the remaining time devoted to educational activities and electives. During more intensive, 4-week blocks the resident focuses on a single experience. The required 4-week blocks are inpatient general medicine, critical care and management. Our preceptors work hard to develop new clinical experiences. The hardest part of the year will be getting to do all of the electives you can before the year is over!

An emphasis is placed on resident research projects. Each resident is paired with a project preceptor with research experience to mentor them through the process. Residents are also responsible for obtaining IRB approval for their research. These projects are presented at ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Eastern States Conference for Residents and Preceptors and a finished, publication-ready manuscript is prepared at the end of the residency year.

VABHS PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program

Required Application Materials to be submitted via PhORCAS to director:

- Curriculum vitae
- Three standard recommendations
- Letter of intent/personal statement:
 - A brief statement of the applicant's short and long term goals as well as why he/she is applying to the VA Boston Healthcare System
- Official transcript from college of pharmacy

Interview Process:

- Applicants invited to interview will do so in person before February 28
- Candidates will be interviewed by the:
 - Residency Program Director
 - Selected preceptors
- The applicants will be independently rated using standardized criteria
 - Selection will be made by a committee consisting of the Program Director and selected preceptors

Qualifications for Application:

- Citizen of the United States
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an accredited college of pharmacy or eligible for graduation before July 1
- Licensed pharmacist or eligible for licensure in any US state before September 1



Core Required Experiences

- Primary Care Clinic
- Anticoagulation Clinic (Outpt)
- Inpatient General Medicine
- Critical Care Medicine Management

Sample Elective Experiences

Four-Week Experiences

- Infectious Disease
- Inpatient Anticoagulation
- Oncology
- Home Based Primary Care
- Investigational Drugs
- Teaching (inpatient)

Once Weekly, Twelve-Week Experiences

- Oncology
- Mental Health
- Renal/Geriatrics
- Endocrinology
- Smoking Cessation Group
- Teaching (ambulatory care)
- Shared Medical Appointments

Additional Activities

- Medication Use and Evaluation
- Staff Development Presentations / CE
- Practice Management
- Total Quality Management
- Teaching Certificate Program

Residency Project and Presentations

- ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
- Eastern States Conference

Staffing Requirements

- One weekend per month in inpatient pharmacy
- Four hours per week in inpatient or outpatient pharmacy

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