

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be accepted through PhORCAS™ (Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service) **ONLY**. PhORCAS™ application must include: letter of intent stating career goals, curriculum vitae, three letters of reference (one required by the PGY 1 residency director), and official pharmacy school transcripts.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

January 4, 2023

The VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) is a dynamic and progressive health care organization dedicated to providing quality, compassionate, and accessible care to Maryland's Veterans. The Baltimore, Loch Raven and Perry Point Medical centers and clinics, in addition to six community based outpatient clinics, all work together to form this comprehensive healthcare delivery system.

Nationally recognized for its outstanding patient safety and state-of-the-art technology, the VAMHCS is proud of its reputation as a leader in Veterans' health care, research, and education.

The Pharmacy department includes close to 100 pharmacists and pharmacy technicians and provides 24/7 services in Baltimore.



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DIVERSITY STATEMENT

The Department of Veterans Affairs is committed to ensuring Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), promoting workplace diversity and inclusion in service to our nation's Veterans. The VA enforces all applicable Federal EEO laws, regulations, executive orders and management directives to ensure equal opportunity in the workplace to all VA employees.

This program participates in the ASHP Residency Matching Program through the National Matching Service. The residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from the residency applicant. Candidates will be notified of an interview no later than the second Friday of February. For additional information, please contact the Residency Program Director.



POSTGRADUATE YEAR

TWO (PGY2)

AMBULATORY CARE

PHARMACY RESIDENCY

PROGRAM

**VA Maryland Health Care
System**

<https://www.va.gov/maryland-health-care/>

VIRTUAL RECRUITMENT EVENT

12/7/23 12pm ET-2pm ET

Visit:

**VA Pharmacy Residency Program
- Pharmacy Benefits Management
Services**

<https://www.pbm.va.gov/education/vapharmacyresidencyprogram.asp>

OVERVIEW

The VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) is seeking ONE highly motivated Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2) Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Program candidate. This 12-month ASHP-accredited PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency is designed to develop ambulatory care practitioners with excellent practice skills and leadership abilities to expand ambulatory care pharmacy services. Most residents completing this program have been employed as ambulatory care clinical pharmacy specialists in the Veterans Health Care System.



AMBULATORY CARE PHARMACY TRAINING

The resident will work closely with clinical pharmacy practitioners with an advanced scope of practice. The resident is required to participate in the following clinics: Primary Care PACT, Lipid/Risk Reduction, Endocrine Diabetes, Heart Failure, Anticoagulation, Women's Health, Hepatitis C and Home-Based Primary Care. In addition, residents may rotate in elective clinics or other learning experiences such as Cognitive Assessment Clinic, Geri PACT, Antimicrobial Stewardship, Academic Detailing as well as other potential clinic experiences through affiliated institutions.

A major emphasis of the residency is providing independent direct patient care with preceptor mentoring. Patient visits are a mix of in-person and virtual care (VVC or Telephone).

RESPONSIBILITIES

Resident responsibilities include but are not limited to: obtaining a pertinent patient history, performing an accurate focused physical exam, assessing pharmacotherapy and implementing an appropriate plan, ordering labs and medications, electronic documentation of progress notes, and providing accurate drug information and education to patients and other health care providers.

Residents are scheduled to 5 to 6 half-day clinics per week with the remaining time available to fulfill other administrative residency responsibilities including research. The resident will further develop leadership skills through active participation in ambulatory care service development as part of their longitudinal residency research project and/or clinical pharmacy administration learning experience. The resident is required to conduct a research project for presentation at the Eastern States Residency Conference and compose a manuscript of publishable quality. Journal club (1) and case presentation (1) as well as a formal pharmacotherapy (CE) presentation (1) are required.

TEACHING

The resident will participate in teaching activities at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. Teaching activities may include didactic lectures, leading small group discussions, assessing students on clinical skills, and serving as a co-preceptor during experiential rotations. A teaching certificate program is available through the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, in which the resident may pursue.

EVALUATION

A Residency Development Plan (RDP) for each resident will be formulated upon entry into the program. Updates and changes will be addressed quarterly by the Residency Program Director. Following the ASHP Accreditation Standard for PGY2 Pharmacy Residencies, this program includes the required ASHP Competency Areas, Goals, and Objectives for PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy. Resident performance on each learning experience will be documented electronically in PharmAcademic.

BENEFITS

The annual stipend is \$50,887. Benefits include 11 paid Federal holidays, 13 accrued vacation and 13 accrued sick days, and paid leave to attend approved professional meetings. Vacation and sick leave are accrued at a rate of 4 hours per two-week pay period. Health benefits are available at standard government employee contribution rates. A dual appointment may be available for additional reimbursement.

REQUIREMENTS

A Doctor of Pharmacy degree, completion of an ASHP accredited PGY 1 Pharmacy Residency, U.S. citizenship and a full, current, and unrestricted license to practice pharmacy in a State, Territory, or Commonwealth of the U.S. or District of Columbia. A virtual interview and participation in the ASHP Residency Match Program are also required. Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of pre-employment fingerprinting and a pre-employment physical exam, including negative drug test.