**VA Mission**  
To fulfill President Lincoln’s promise “To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan” by serving and honoring the men and women who are America’s Veterans.

**Diversity at the VA**  
Our performance of VA’s mission is amplified by our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. Our Core Values—Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect and Excellence—define our culture and reinforce our devotion to those we serve.

**About the Battle Creek VA**  
The Battle Creek VA provides a variety of services to Veterans. Annually, more than 200,000 visits are made to ambulatory clinics that include primary care, mental health, cardiology, infectious disease, urology, podiatry, and pain.

Additionally, the facility has 300+ inpatient beds, providing care for mental health and long-term care patients. In total, more than 35,000 Veterans are serviced by the facility.

The Battle Creek VA facility houses 23 Clinical Pharmacy Specialists specializing in areas including diabetes, hypertension, COPD, hypothyroidism, men’s health, women’s health, smoking cessation, hyperlipidemia, anticoagulation management, pain management, mental health conditions, and substance use disorders.
Program Description
Residents completing a residency at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center will be prepared to become clinical pharmacists that provide exemplary patient care in interdisciplinary teams, capable of leading the profession and working within the framework of a health care system.

Residency Structure
The 12-month residency consists of activities located primarily at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center.

Required Experiences:
- Anticoagulation
- Dispensing pharmacy
- Education and drug information
- Home-based primary care
- Inpatient psychiatry
- Interprofessional series
- Pharmacy management
- Pharmacy policy
- Pharmacy research project
- Primary care

Elective Experiences:
- Erythropoietin-Stimulating Agents
- Learning Experience Development
- Medication Safety
- Population Management
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation
- PTSD
- Substance Abuse
- Women’s Health

Teaching Experiences:
- Precept P4 students
- Continuing education for staff
- Teaching certificate through Ferris State University (optional)

Residents are required to staff two days every month.

Purpose Statement
The Battle Creek VA Medical Center PGY1 pharmacy residency program will build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, eligible for board certification, and eligible for postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency training.

Timeline
The Battle Creek VA uses PhORCAS for submission of application materials, due on January 1:
- Curriculum vitae
- College transcripts
- Letter of intent stating applicant’s reasons for applying to this residency
- Three letters of recommendation from professional sources, either faculty or employers
- Supplemental questions

The Battle Creek VA Medical Center participates in the National Match Program.

This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

Fringe Benefits
- Preceptors with global scope of practice
- Stipend of $41,742 in 2022-2023 (determined nationally each year)
- Paid leave (13 days paid vacation & 13 days paid sick time)
- 11 paid federal holidays
- Minimum required on-site hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Mondays through Fridays
- Health insurance
- Nationwide networking

Residency Requirements
Applicants must be US citizens and graduates of a college of pharmacy currently accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or be otherwise eligible for pharmacy licensure. There is no requirement in regard to the type of degree held by the applicant, and the residency program director will assess baseline knowledge, skills and abilities to ascertain qualification for admission.

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