Kansas City VA Medical Center

Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2) Ambulatory Care Residency

Setting

The KCVA Medical Center currently provides services to over 55,000 of the veterans that reside in the Kansas City primary service area. The Medical Center is a tertiary care hospital that serves as a referral center for the Kansas VA Medical Centers in Leavenworth, Topeka, and Wichita as well as the Columbia, Missouri VA Medical Center. This integrated health care system is dedicated to providing quality health care to veterans of Mid-America.

In addition to acute care medicine and surgery services, the Medical Center has Primary Care services for all veteran patients. The Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) housed in Shawnee & Paola, Kansas, and in Belton, Cameron, Excelsior Springs, Kansas City, Nevada, & Warrensburg, Missouri provide an extension of these services to veterans in rural areas. Specialty Care is also available to patients for evaluation and management of cardiology, endocrine, geriatrics, hematology/oncology, infectious diseases, mental health and pulmonary disorders. Pharmacy Specialists play an integral role by enhancing care to all patients at the KCVAMC.

As a principal teaching hospital, the KCVAMC is affiliated with the University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Pharmacy and the University of Kansas Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy.

Pharmacy Services

Ambulatory Care The clinic pharmacy staff provides clinical services for primary care and specialty care clinic patients both at the medical and community clinics. Pharmacists in these areas provide drug information, educations, observations on patient response to therapy, adjustments to therapy to maximize patient outcomes and recommendations regarding treatment alternatives to providers. The clinical pharmacy specialists in these clinics function as licensed individual practitioners and work under a scope of practice.

The resident will also have the opportunity to develop innovative medication management services and patient care clinics. The practice environment promotes the development of the skills necessary for the resident to function as an independent clinical pharmacy specialist. Members of the pharmacy staff precept PGY1 pharmacy practice residents as well as KU and UMKC clerkship students.

Pharmacoeconomics Division

The resident will collaborate with PE specialists throughout the residency year. Activities may include evaluating new and evolving drug therapies, predicting, tracking and trending pharmacy budget, drug utilization evaluation, analyzing adherence to performance monitors, academic detailing and non-formulary medication reviews.

Purpose

PGY2 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in specialized areas of practice. PGY2 residencies provide residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and incorporating both into the provision of patient care or other advanced practice settings. Residents who successfully complete an accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency are prepared for advanced patient care, academic, or other specialized positions, along with board certification (BCACP).

Outcomes

- Establish a collaborative interdisciplinary practice.
- In a collaborative interdisciplinary ambulatory practice provide efficient, effective, evidence-based, patient-centered treatment for chronic and/or acute illnesses in all degrees of complexity.
- Demonstrate leadership and practice management skills.
- Promote health improvement, wellness, and disease prevention.
- Demonstrate excellence in the provision of training or educational activities for health care professionals and health care professionals in training.
- Serve as an authoritative resource on the optimal use of medications.

This 12 month ambulatory care residency provides the resident exposure to commonly encountered disease states in an ambulatory primary care setting. The resident is afforded the opportunity to longitudinally monitor patients' clinical progress through pharmacy-directed clinics. In addition, the resident will gain valuable experience in our pharmacy administrative programs, including budget preparation, local drug utilization reviews, academic detailing, and developing clinical programs. The resident will actively participate in population management throughout rotations.

The resident will be afforded the opportunity to participate in many educational programs, including a teaching certificate program offered through the UMKC School of Pharmacy.

Rotations

Structurally the residency is divided into nine rotations of varying length. The rotations are arranged to combine required experiences along with electives in the resident's area of interest to allow for growth of skills throughout the year. The resident is simultaneously expected to prioritize and work on ongoing requirements in longitudinal clinical, didactic, management and residency project rotations.

The resident works closely with the residency director and the primary preceptor to develop goals and objectives that will assist the resident in expanding skills for current and future practice. Regular meetings with the residency director ensure that long-term goals of the residency program are fulfilled.

Completion of a residency project of the resident's choosing is also required. The resident will work with a pharmacy staff mentor to plan, carry out, and evaluate the results of this project. Comprehensive project results are presented as a poster at an ASHP affiliate or ACCP Spring Meeting and and the Midwest Pharmacy Residents Conference.

Required Rotations:

- Anticoagulation
- CBOC Medication Management Clinic
- Geriatrics
- Home Based Primary Care
- Mental Health Clinic
- Orientation
- Pain Clinic
- Linwood Medication Management Clinic
- Formulary Management

Longitudinal Rotations:

- Rural Health/CBOC MM Clinic
- Practice Management
- Residency Project

Elective Rotations

- Specialty Care Clinic
- Infectious Disease
- Oncology Clinic
- Pulmonary Clinic

Benefits

Benefits include health and life insurance, annual leave (vacation), days off for illness/medical appointments/ family care and 10 paid federal holidays. The annual stipend is $45, 282 with *financial compensation for staffing.*

Eligibility

Applicants must be a graduate of an American Council of Pharmaceutical Education accredited School of Pharmacy with a Pharm.D. degree and complete a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residency. **Applicants must be U.S. citizens – a requirement to be employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.**

Application

The following items are required to be submitted for application to the program:

- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- Pharmacy school transcripts
- Three references completing appropriate template in PhORCAS

A personal interview is required of all selected candidates. This program participates in the ASHP Matching Program. This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

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