PGY2 Program 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, academia, or other specialized positions, along with board certification, if available.

Program Description
The purpose of our PGY2 Pain and Palliative Care program is to develop a pharmacist provider proficient in delivering individualized direct-patient care pharmacotherapy services for the treatment of chronic pain while functioning as an integral member of the interdisciplinary healthcare team. The resident will expand their competence through experience in acute perioperative and palliative care pain management as well as the treatment of comorbid mental health and substance use disorders. Our program is focused on an interdisciplinary training model. Given the multifaceted nature and complexity of chronic pain, the resident will train with other disciplines (physical therapy, psychology, mental health, acupuncture) to gain a better understanding of each individual service as it relates to individualized comprehensive treatment plans. Upon completion of the program, the resident will be prepared for a clinical pharmacy specialist position within a multitude of pain management settings.
Learning Experiences

- Veterans Integrative Pain Management (VIPM) Clinic
  - Provide direct patient care services in an established interdisciplinary treatment model through individualizing, implementing, and managing chronic pain pharmacotherapy. Responsibilities include opioid tapering, opioid rotations and/or adjustments, risk mitigation/opioid safety, as well as review and management of non-opioid pharmacotherapies. Function alongside two specialized pain management physicians, psychologist, physical therapist, acupuncturist, and clinical nurse case manager to sequentially evaluate patients and develop comprehensive treatment plans. Resident to be precepted by two clinical pharmacy specialists with DEA license and scope allowing for full controlled substance prescriptive authority.

- Mental Health Clinic
  - Collaborate with psychiatrists, psychologists, psychology interns, social workers, and nursing to provide direct patient care pharmacotherapy management services for the treatment of Mental Health disorders.

- Substance Use Disorder Clinic
  - Assist with the evaluation of patients for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and initiation and management of Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) with buprenorphine/naloxone for moderate to severe OUD.

- Hospice/Palliative Care
  - Provide direct patient care pharmacotherapy pain management services as part of an interdisciplinary treatment team.

- Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS)
  - Acute on chronic pain management through consultation with the surgery department for high dose chronic opioid patients pending a procedure through facility ERAS protocols. Function alongside a clinical pharmacy specialist, surgeons, and surgery residents to assist with perioperative pain management and pre-operative opioid dose reductions.

- Required research project
- CE accredited presentations to multidisciplinary audiences

Application Requirements

- Graduation from an ACPE-accredited PharmD program (or equivalent)
- Completion of an ASHP-accredited PGY1 residency prior to beginning the PGY2
- Current and valid pharmacist license in any state
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of intent
- Three formal letters of recommendation (clinical)
- United States Citizen
- Must submit application materials through PhORCAS
Summary:
Duration: 12 months
Number of Positions: 1
Application Deadline: January 5th, 2020
Starting Date: On or around June 29th, 2020
Estimated Stipend: $45,435

About the Charles George VA Medical Center (CGVAMC)
The CGVAMC is a Joint Commission accredited, tertiary referral, 1C facility serving nearly 48,000 Veterans residing in a 23-county area of Western North Carolina. Comprehensive health care is provided through the spectrum of primary care, tertiary care, and long-term care in areas of medicine, surgery, mental health, physical medicine and rehabilitation, spinal cord injury, neurology, oncology, dentistry, ophthalmology, women’s health and geriatrics. The medical center has 119 authorized acute care beds (including 16-bed inpatient psychiatric unit), two state-of-the-art Intensive Care Units, 120 authorized Community Living Center (CLC) beds, and 18 authorized Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program beds. The medical center also operates community based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) in Franklin, Rutherford county, and Hickory, NC.

The PGY-2 Pharmacy Pain and Palliative Care Residency conducted by the Charles George VAMC in Asheville, North Carolina has an accreditation candidate status with ASHP.
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