Eligibility Requirements
Must be a United States citizen and have graduated from an American Council for Pharmaceutical Education-accredited College or School of Pharmacy. All pharmacy residents are required to become licensed, but they can be licensed in any of the United States.

Residency Information:
http://www.albuquerque.va.gov/careers/PharmacyResidency.asp

Applicants must participate in the ASHP Matching Service and the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS). The application deadline is December 31.

For further information or questions, please contact:
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Benefits
• Competitive stipend
• Health insurance available
• 13 days of paid annual leave
• 10 paid holidays
• Accrue 8hr sick leave per month
• Educational leave to attend meetings and conferences, which may include:
  o ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
  o Regional residency conference
• Residents’ office with individual space
  o Personal desktop computer
  o Desk and file drawers
• Opportunity to work on-site as a relief pharmacist
• Virtual Library, available both at the facility & off-site
  o Micromedex®
  o Access Pharmacy®
  o UpToDate®
  o Natural Medicines Database®
  o Pharmacist’s Letter®
  o Current textbooks
  o Many specialty-specific references
• Free parking, lab coats

This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any resident applicant.
Facility Information
The New Mexico VA Health Care System (NMVAHCS) is comprised of the Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center and state-wide Community-Based Outpatient clinics. The Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center is a Level 1 tertiary referral center with a 24-hour Emergency Room located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the heart of the Land of Enchantment. The medical center is authorized to operate 310 beds, which include acute hospital beds and an extended care facility. Primary Care is provided through the Patient Aligned Care Teams and the Home Based Primary Care program. As a teaching institution, the medical center is affiliated with the University of New Mexico and the Central New Mexico Community College.

Program Description
The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency program has been ASHP-accredited since 1986. There are 4 resident positions available on an annual basis. Over 25 qualified preceptors teach our pharmacy residents in a variety of training areas. A resident completing our program will be a highly-skilled practitioner able to provide direct patient care in both inpatient and outpatient settings. The practitioner will be competent in patient-centered pharmaceutical care for acute care and ambulatory patient populations, which includes being knowledgeable in pharmacy operational services. The resident receiving a certificate will be prepared to accept any patient care pharmacy position, especially within the Veterans Affairs Health Care System.

Direct Patient Care Opportunities

Inpatient Populations
- General Medicine
- Critical Care
- Infectious Diseases
- Psychiatry
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Palliative Care
- Geriatrics

Activities in these areas include team rounds with physicians, medical residents & students; drug information; drug therapy monitoring; anticoagulation; heart failure education; participation in emergencies/codes; and pharmacokinetic consultations.

Outpatient Populations
- Clinics staffed by pharmacists with prescribing privileges, managing dyslipidemia, hypertension, smoking cessation, diabetes, heart failure, psychiatry, spinal cord injury, anticoagulation, hepatitis C, etc.
- Multi-disciplinary HIV Clinic
- Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)
- Hematology/Oncology

Activities in these areas include patient interviews physical assessment, medication therapy management and medication reviews.

Training Blocks
- Training blocks vary from 4-6 weeks to allow for the development in major areas of practice
- Required training blocks include Practice Management, Acute Care General Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Ambulatory Primary Care
- Other proficiency-building activities include
  o Residency Project (on-site IRB available)
  o Journal Club
  o Medication Use Evaluation
  o Teaching Opportunities
  o Student Conferences
  o Pharmacy Operations (Staffing)
  o Prior Authorization Reviews

Residency Activities
Additional opportunities and activities that will occur throughout the residency include:
- Mentor Program
- Teaching Certificate Program (optional)
- Professional Development Series
- Pharmacy Newsletter
- Professional conferences/meetings