REQUIRED ROTATIONS

- Outpatient (3 weeks)
- Transitional Care (2 weeks with staffing every 3rd Saturday)
- Primary care (two 6-7 week rotations)
- Community Living Center (longitudinal)
- Pharmacoeconomics/Academic Detailing (4 weeks longitudinal)
- Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring (longitudinal)

ELECTIVE ROTATIONS

- Inpatient
- Pain management
- Behavioral health
- Anticoagulation (+/- heart failure)
- Nephrology/dialysis
- Pharmacy administration
- Medication Safety
- Rheumatology
- Additional primary care rotations
- Optional teaching certificate program through Albany College of Pharmacy

*Elective rotations are 4-5 weeks long

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BENEFITS

- Stipend: $41,216
- Leave:
  - 13 days paid annual leave
  - 13 days paid sick leave
  - 10 paid federal holidays
- Health/life insurance, free parking, lab coats & scrubs, dual appointment

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RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Primary Care [REQUIRED & ELECTIVE]
Red Team, Blue Team, Rural Health, Silver Team
The resident will take part in management of diabetes, HTN, asthma/COPD, tobacco use disorder, HLD, and others as they relate to the ambulatory care setting. Silver team serves patients 75 and older. Rural health is completed at off-campus clinics. The resident will interact with providers to resolve drug-related problems, answer drug information questions, and recommend formulary alternatives.

Outpatient Pharmacy [REQUIRED]
This rotation provides the resident opportunities to become proficient in analyzing and processing electronic prescription orders while having the ability to access computerized patient information including progress notes and labs. The resident will communicate with prescribers to rectify drug-related problems. Additionally, the resident will gain experience in outpatient dispensing, checking prescriptions, and counseling patients in the outpatient pharmacy.

Inpatient & Transitional Care Pharmacy [ELECTIVE AND REQUIRED]
This rotation provides the resident opportunities to become proficient in analyzing and processing electronic prescription orders while having the ability to access labs & progress notes. The resident will communicate with prescribers to rectify drug-related problems. The resident will get experience in antimicrobial stewardship, anticoagulation monitoring, critical care rounds, medication reconciliation services, and discharge counseling while working within a multidisciplinary health care team.

Pharmacoeconomics/ Academic Detailing/ Practice Management/ADR Monitoring [LONGITUDINAL]
This rotation is designed to provide the resident with an awareness of the basic principles of pharmacoeconomics, formulary management, and practice management. The resident will evaluate reported adverse drug reactions. Residents will learn about and complete academic detailing sessions, which entail educating providers on medication-related topics highlighted by the VA.

Community Living Center (CLC) [LONGITUDINAL]
The Stratton VA Community Living Center (CLC) provides long-term skilled nursing care, as well as short-term restorative and rehabilitative care to the veteran population. The resident will be responsible for conducting comprehensive medication reviews for CLC patients and communicating any patient care needs to a multi-disciplinary team.

Behavioral Health [ELECTIVE]
This rotation exposes the resident to various mental health conditions (PTSD, Depression, Anxiety, Bipolar Disorder, Schizophrenia, Substance Use Disorders, etc.) and allows the resident to develop skills in the assessment and management of these conditions. Residents will participate in the following: patient interviews, substance abuse and medication education group, mental status exams, assessments (Suicide Risk Assessment, AIMS, etc.), therapeutic drug monitoring of psychotropic medications (lithium, valproic acid, etc.), and side effect management.

Rheumatology [ELECTIVE]
The clinic is staffed by physicians and other clinicians (medical residents, fellows, and students) who specialize in rheumatology. The resident will interact with Rheumatologists, Fellows, Residents and Nurses. The resident will be responsible for designing, implementing, assessing, monitoring, and documenting therapeutic plans utilizing the most effective, least toxic and most economical medication treatments in order to achieve positive patient centric outcomes through direct and indirect interactions with patients, providers, and interdisciplinary teams.

Medication Safety  [ELECTIVE]
This elective rotation will provide the resident with an opportunity to participate in a learning experience with exposure to medication and patient safety. The pharmacist is an integral member of the healthcare team who works closely with the patient safety office to investigate near miss and patient errors that took place in the pharmacy department and works closely with the patient safety manager.