Cincinnati VA Medical Center

Centrally located and near many Cincinnati’s sports and cultural attractions. The VA shares a 3 block campus with several other large Cincinnati Hospitals, as well as the University of Cincinnati medical and pharmacy colleges.

The CVAMC utilizes an integrated care model employing practitioners from all major disciplines, many of whom hold academic affiliations with the surrounding colleges. The CVAMC has established training programs in Mental Health Care for psychology, psychiatry, nursing, and social work. There is shared participation among disciplines in didactic training, educational programming, and research.

Application Deadline:
January 5th

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

Application Requirements

- United States Citizen
- Pharm.D. Degree from an ACPE accredited College of Pharmacy
- PGY1 Pharmacy Residency — Certificate of Completion Required
- Licensure as Pharmacist
  *Ohio Licensure by 3rd Quarter
- Letter of Intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- 3 PhORCAS References
- Official Academic Transcripts
  (≥ last 6 years completed)
- Application Submitted via PhORCAS
Purpose

The PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency program at the Cincinnati VAMC builds upon general clinical skills learned during a PGY1 residency to provide specialized experience delivering pharmacy care to individuals with neuropsychiatric conditions.

Graduating residents will be well prepared to initiate psychiatric pharmacy specialty services within inpatient psychiatric facilities, patient centered ambulatory care teams, and residential rehab programs.

Resident Benefits

- $46,882 salary stipend
- Federal Health Benefits
- Paid Leave: 13 vacation & 13 sick
- 10 Federal holidays
- Dual-Appointment—Additional monetary compensation for required staffing hours (starting 2nd quarter of the residency year)
- Teaching certificate via the University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy (Optional)

Core Curriculum Experiences

Rotation & Extended Learning Experiences:

- Orientation (2-4 weeks)
- Inpatient Psychiatry (10-12 weeks)
- Residential Rehabilitation (10-12 weeks) (Substance Use, PTSD, Domiciliary)
- Inpatient Psychiatry (non-VA) (5-6 weeks)

Longitudinal Learning Experiences:

- Pharmacy PTSD Clinic
- Pain Management Clinic
- Clozapine Management
- Research Project
- Teaching / Precepting
- Tobacco Treatment (Elective)

Staffing & Administrative:

- Inpatient & Outpatient Staffing Shifts (2-3 shifts per month)
- 1 Holiday Staffing Required
- Completion of Pharmacy Consults
  - Non-formulary Reviews
  - Drug Information
- Adverse Drug Event Reporting
- Medication Use Evaluation (MUE)

Elective Learning Experiences

- Substance use disorders
- Psychiatric Emergency / Consult Liaison
- Eating Disorders (non-VA site)
- Neurology Consult Team
- Inpatient Detox
- Outpatient MH BHIP/PCMHI

Other Residency Opportunities:

- Professional presentations & journal clubs

Program Background

The PGY2 Residency at the Cincinnati VA began in July 2014 as part of the VA’s mission to increase multidisciplinary mental health training. In July 2016 the program completed its initial ASHP accreditation visit and received a maximum of 6 years of accreditation. The program is based in both inpatient and outpatient mental health settings with an emphasis in acute psychiatry and treatment of substance use disorders.