

VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System - PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency

The VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System is a teaching healthcare system with 18 locations in Northeast Ohio that serves more than 110,900 Veterans across 21 counties. It is a training environment for more than 3,000 students across various disciplines in affiliation with more than 200 academic institutions. The main medical center, the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, is one of the largest VA facilities in the country and serves as the primary residency site. It is located about six miles east of downtown Cleveland at Wade Park in University Circle.



PGY1 Program Purpose: PGY-1 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, eligible for board certification, and eligible for postgraduate year two (PGY-2) pharmacy residency training.

The residency focuses on the development of a solid, well rounded knowledge base with the flexibility to gain experience in more specialized areas. Upon completion of this residency, residents will be qualified to assume a clinical pharmacy position in adult medicine or go on to a specialty PGY-2 pharmacy residency position.

REQUIRED EXPERIENCES:

Administration/Formulary Management (1 month)
Ambulatory Care – Primary Care Focus at Wade Park (1 month)
Critical Care (1 month)
Infectious Diseases (1 month)
Inpatient Internal Medicine (3 separate months)
Orientation (1 month)

December (1 month) is reserved for Midyear attendance and administrative time for projects and presentations

ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES (select 3 - 1 month each):

Ambulatory Care - Primary Care Focus at Community Based Outpatient Clinic
Anticoagulation
Antimicrobial Stewardship
Emergency Medicine
Geriatrics
Hematology/Oncology
Pain Management
Psychiatry
Spinal Cord Injury
Transitions of Care
Women's Health



ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ACTIVITIES:

- Case Presentation (2) and Journal Club Presentations (2)
- Chief Resident (1-2 months)
- Comparative Effectiveness GRADE Evidence Profile
- Formal Seminar
- Medication Use Evaluation
- Research or Quality Improvement Project with Lean Six Sigma Certification
- Student Preceptorship
- Staffing (every 3rd weekend)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES OFFERED:

- Teaching Certificate Program (Local or at NEOMED)
- Resident Mentor-Mentee Program

EARLY COMMITMENT OPPORTUNITY* FOR OUR LOCAL PGY-2 PROGRAMS:

- Ambulatory Care
- Geriatrics
- Infectious Diseases
- Psychiatry

**Resident must apply for consideration; resident and program must abide by local early commitment policy as defined in program manual*

NATIONAL MATCHING SERVICE CODE: 188913 (VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE:

U.S. citizenship required for VA employment. Curriculum vitae, letter of intent, transcript with GPA or class rank if school does not calculate GPA should be submitted via PhORCAS. Letter of intent should focus on why candidate is specifically interested in the VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System PGY1 residency program. Three references requested, with two being from clinical rotation preceptors. References should use the PhORCAS reference format (separate narrative letter not required) and should specifically comment on how the resident compares to other students/residents. Licensure required within 90 days of starting residency or else resident will be dismissed from the program.

2022 RECRUITMENT INFORMATION:

We will be participating in the Ohio Society of Health-System Pharmacy (OSHP) Residency Showcase on November 5th; more information and registration is available here: <https://www.ohioshp.org>, under the Events/Meetings tab.

We will additionally be participating in the VA Residency Virtual Showcase on December 8th from 12-2PM EST via [Microsoft Teams](#); more information about this showcase will be posted here: <https://www.pbm.va.gov/education/vapharmacyresidencyprogram.asp>.

We will not be participating in other national showcases this year nor hosting an open house for applicants. All interviews will be conducted virtually this year. We are planning an *optional* onsite open house specifically for candidates invited to interview that would occur after the virtual interview and will not be taken into consideration for the site's ranking.

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