

VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System - PGY2 Infectious Diseases 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.



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, academic, or other specialized positions, along with board certification, if available.

The residency program offers unique experiences to develop the knowledge and clinical skills to practice in infectious diseases, antimicrobial stewardship, HIV, and HCV. The resident will function as a member of the multidisciplinary infectious diseases team within the inpatient and outpatient setting. Our goal is to promote individual growth, professional development, self-reliance, and responsibility by developing an autonomous clinical practitioner. The program will prepare the resident to serve as a clinical pharmacy specialist in a variety of specialty infectious disease settings including academia.

REQUIRED EXPERIENCES:

General Infectious Diseases (4-5 total months; 1 month at MetroHealth)
Antimicrobial Stewardship (2 months)
Clinical Microbiology Laboratory (1 month)
Internal Medicine (1 month)
Critical Care/Burn Unit (at MetroHealth) (1 month)
HIV Clinic (3 months longitudinal)
Hepatitis C Clinic (2 months longitudinal)

ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES (select 2-3 – 1 month each):

*Any of the required rotations may be repeated as elective rotations
Hematology/Oncology
Long Term Care/Geriatrics Infectious Diseases
Pediatric Infectious Diseases (at University Hospitals)



ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ACTIVITIES (one each unless otherwise specified):

- Research or Quality Improvement Project with Lean Six Sigma Certification
- Case Presentation (1) and Journal Club Presentations (2)
- Seminar
- Advanced Practice Nursing Lecture
- Infectious Diseases & HIV Local Case Conferences
- Attendance at OCCP, ID Week, and MAD-ID Conferences
- Resident Preceptorship
- Committee Involvement
- Chief Resident
- Staffing Requirement (every 3rd– 4th weekend)
- VANEOHS Teaching Certificate Program (optional)
- NEOMED Teaching Certificate Program (optional)

NATIONAL MATCHING SERVICE CODE: 692655 (VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE:

U.S. citizenship required for VA employment. Application should include curriculum vitae, letter of intent, and transcript confirming completion of Doctorate of Pharmacy coursework and degree. Letter of intent should focus on why candidate is specifically interested in the VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System PGY2 Infectious Diseases residency program. Three references are requested, with one being from the PGY1 Residency Program Director and at least one from a 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 residents.

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>.

Candidates may also schedule one-on-one times to meet with the RPD via Microsoft Teams by emailing the RPD. 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.

INTERIM RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

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