

VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System - PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency

The VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System (VANEOHS) 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 PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency program provides a broad range of inpatient and outpatient psychiatric experiences. The VANEOHS employs 13 psychiatric clinical pharmacy specialists working in a variety of mental health settings (2 in Acute Inpatient Psychiatry, 9 in Outpatient Psychiatric Clinics, 1 in Pain Management/Opioid Safety/Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, and 1 in Domiciliary/Substance Use Disorders). Pharmacy residents have the opportunity to work with these individuals either on rotation or by preceptorship on projects (i.e., research/quality improvement project, medication use evaluation, journal clubs, case presentation, etc.). The goal of the residency is to promote individual growth, personal development, self-reliance, and responsibility to the patient. Clinical practice and teaching at multiple levels and settings are emphasized. Pharmacy residents will gain extensive experience educating medical students and other trainees during the year through monthly lectures on the topics of pharmacotherapy of psychosis, mood disorders, and anxiety disorders. Upon completion of the PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency program, the resident will be able to provide and establish clinical psychiatric pharmacy services, obtain board certification in psychiatric pharmacotherapy, and implement teaching programs in any patient care setting.

REQUIRED EXPERIENCES:

Adult Inpatient Psychiatry I & II (4 months total)

Adult Advanced Inpatient Psychiatry I & II (2 months total)

Adult Outpatient Psychiatry I & II (2 months at Community Based Outpatient Clinics plus a ½ day per week remote for an additional 5 months)

Substance Use Disorders (1 month)

ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES: (select two- 1 month rotations)

Academia (at Northeast Ohio Medical University)

Consultant Liaison

Neurology

Pain Management

Geriatric Psychiatry



ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ACTIVITIES (one each unless otherwise specified):

- Case Presentation (one) and Journal Club Presentations (two)
- Didactic Lecture Presentations (three 1.5-hour lectures repeated monthly x 6 months)
- Research or Quality Improvement Project with Lean Six Sigma Certification
- Psychiatry Grand Rounds
- Medication Use Evaluation
- Formal Seminar
- Staffing Requirement (every 3rd– 4th weekend)
- Pharmacy Student Preceptorship (one to two)
- Chief Resident
- Mental Health Committee Involvement (two committees, involvement for 6 months each)
- VANEOHS Teaching Certificate Program (optional)
- NEOMED Teaching Certificate Program (optional)

NATIONAL MATCHING SERVICE CODE: 560066 (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 PGY2 Infectious Diseases residency program. Three references 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>.

We will not be participating in other national showcases this year nor hosting an open house. 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.

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