Program Philosophy

The ASHP accredited PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy Practice Administration Residency at the Lebanon VA Medical Center (VAMC) is focused on developing pharmacy leaders: practitioners who will exhibit excellence in leadership and management of all pharmacy practice settings. A pharmacy leader should possess the clinical skills needed to practice in a wide range of patient care settings and a solid knowledge base in management philosophies and practices. This PGY2 residency provides the environment necessary to achieve the knowledge and skills needed to perform well in future management assignments. The program fosters the development of an independent and versatile pharmacy leader.

Program Goals

♦ Skills Development
  • Understanding of leadership skills and theories in order to assess and build on one’s own leadership style and abilities
  • Become familiar with pharmacy benefit management principles
  • Become established as an integral part of the health care management team
  • Enhance skills needed to precept both Lebanon VA PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residents and Pharm.D. students
  • Effectively evaluate and apply data from various sources to make management decisions
  • Further develop skill set to effectively educate healthcare professionals in small discussion groups as well as during didactic type lectures
  • Augment one’s ability to provide competency based training to pharmacy employees including pharmacists and pharmacy technicians
  • Develop a systematic approach to making management decisions

♦ Personal Development
  • Develop personal leadership style through exposure to various managers and leaders throughout the healthcare organization
  • Increase knowledge of the qualities and commitments necessary to advance the profession of pharmacy
  • Expand on skills necessary to effectively self evaluate one’s work
  • Utilize written and verbal communication skills to successfully practice in pharmacy management
  • Demonstrate effective time management skills needed to successfully practice as a pharmacy leader

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Core Learning Experiences
- Health-System Pharmacy Leadership and Management
- Institutional Pharmacy Administration
- Ambulatory Pharmacy Distribution Management
- Clinical Pharmacy Program Management
- Administrative time

Elective Learning Experiences
- Policy and Regulation
- Health-System Administration
- Academia
- Medication Safety
- Pharmacoeconomics
- Pharmacy Residency Program Administration
- Contracting
- Clinical Practices
- Pharmacy Recruitment and Retention

Additional Practice Opportunities
- Pharmacy representative to facility and Network level committees
- Serving in acting capacity for area supervisors
- Experience with VISN 4 Pharmacy Executive

Benefits
- Stipend: $44,522
- 13 days paid annual leave/13 days paid sick leave/10 paid federal holidays
- Funds available to attend national and regional pharmacy conferences
- Subsidized health insurance
- Vision/dental benefit offered
- Free parking/lab coats
- YMCA on site with free access

Application Requirements
The Lebanon VAMC PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration Residency Program is open to any individual regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, or handicap.

The minimum requirements to receive consideration for an onsite interview are as follows:
- Current enrollment in a PGY1 pharmacy residency program with anticipated completion prior to start of PGY2 residency or previously completed PGY1 residency
- Licensed as a pharmacist in any US state or territory
- Possess a Pharm.D. degree from an ACPE-accredited school or college of pharmacy, or a B.S., M.S., or Ph.D. degree and equivalent experience
- Applicants must be able to commit to the residency for a period of no less than one year.
- Applicant must be a US citizen.

Please note that these are the minimum requirements to receive consideration for an onsite interview. Meeting these criteria does not guarantee acceptance.

Application Deadline: January 30
1. Letter of intent* (NMS Code: 638663)
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Three letters of recommendation
4. College transcripts

*The letter of intent should include:
1. Why do you want to do this residency?
2. What are your personal and professional strengths?
3. Where do you see yourself in five years?

If any of the above materials are not received by the application deadline of January 30, the applicant may not be considered for an interview.

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