

Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Healthcare System

PGY-2 Psychiatric Specialty Residency Program

General Background

VAPHS, in affiliation with the University of Pittsburgh Schools of the Health Sciences, has an extensive program of professional training in mental health and is pleased to be able to offer two PGY-2 psychiatric residency positions. This PGY-2 psychiatric specialty residency will build upon the strong tradition of PGY-1 pharmacy residency training.

VAPHS is an integrated healthcare system that serves Veterans from regions of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia with two clinical service centers (University Drive and HJ Heinz campuses) and five community based outpatient clinics (Beaver, Belmont, Fayette, Washington, Westmoreland). VAPHS also serves as a tertiary referral center for the western half of VA Healthcare – VISN 4, treating Veterans from Altoona, Butler, Clarksburg, and Erie. In 2015, over 13,000 Veterans came to VAPHS for mental health services.

Program Description

The psychiatry resident will become proficient in providing psychiatric pharmaceutical care and gain clinical experience in a variety of settings for patients with diverse mental health needs. Experiences are composed of both block-style and longitudinal rotations. There are numerous opportunities to serve on multidisciplinary hospital committees and initiatives focused on improvement of mental healthcare. The resident will also prepare seminars, provide consultation to providers, precept PGY-1 pharmacy residents, and develop and execute a residency project suitable for publication. The residents of this program will be valuable key players in the expansion of pharmacy services in the mental health arena at VAPHS.

Adding to the innovative nature of this training opportunity, additional elective rotations and other learning opportunities will be available at our academic medical center affiliate, the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (WPIC) of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine (UPSOM) and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). WPIC is an internationally known psychiatric institution housing multiple inpatient and ambulatory programs. With 300 acute inpatient psychiatric beds and more than 50 outpatient programs, WPIC represents one of the largest behavioral health facilities in the and represents the clinical service facility affiliated with the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. As part of UPMC, WPIC provides a comprehensive range of acute care, outpatient and residential care behavioral health services for individuals, including children, adolescents, adults, and seniors. In addition to its clinical mission, WPIC fulfills its research and training missions as a national leader in Federally-funded biomedical research, and in the professional education of trainees from a wide range of behavioral health-related disciplines including medicine, psychology, social work, nursing, pharmacy, and others.

Mission

To prepare pharmacists desiring to specialize in mental health to be an expert in providing patient-centered pharmacy care in any practice setting.

Program Objectives

1. Demonstrate proficiency, confidence, and compassion in providing direct patient care to patients with psychiatric and neuropsychiatric disorders
2. Demonstrate professionalism and effective communication skills in all components of pharmacy practice
3. Optimize pharmacotherapy and safe medication practices
4. Provide effective education to patients, caregivers and healthcare professionals
5. Apply clinical and outcomes research concepts to professional practice

Application Process

All residents must be a US citizen and have a current active license in the United States. Additionally, eligible candidates are to have anticipated satisfactory completion of an ASHP accredited PGY-1 general practice pharmacy residency program prior to the start of the PGY-2 Program in July.

Eligible candidates must submit the standard application requirements via PhORCAS by January 31st. Standard requirements for an application include: demographics, academic history, official transcripts, curriculum vitae, letter of intent, extracurricular activities, and three standardized reference forms with letters. No supplemental application material is required. Select candidates will be invited for an on-site interview. An on-site interview is required.

Candidates selected for hire will be subject to a federal background investigation and drug screening.

General Information

Duration: 12 months

Number Positions: 2

Starting Date: July 1, 2017

Competitive Stipend: \$45,505.20

Benefits: Health, dental, eye care, life, and disability available, Vacation and professional travel provided, Travel stipend available

Training Site Type: Hospital

Owner/Affiliates: Government

Model (type): Teaching, tertiary

VA Complexity: Level 1A facility

Facilities:

University Drive

- 78 acute inpatient psychiatric beds
- Outpatient behavioral health clinics
- 146 medical beds

H.J. Heinz

- 262 bed community living center
- 65 bed Veteran recovery center
- 31 bed psychiatric residential rehabilitation treatment center
- Ambulatory care center

WPIC

- 300 acute inpatient psychiatric beds
- More than 50 outpatient programs

Learning Experiences

VAPHS

Required Block-Rotations

- ***Acute Care – Psychotic related disorders***
- ***Acute Care – Mood/Trauma/Substance related disorders***
- ***Combat Stress Recovery Clinic***
- ***Ambulatory Care Clinic***
- ***Consultation and Liaison***
- ***Substance Abuse***

Required Longitudinal Rotations

- ***Academic Detailing***
- ***Psychotropic Drug Safety Initiative***
- ***Psychiatric emergency intervention team***
- ***Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee***
- ***Drug Utilization Evaluation Subcommittee***
- ***PACT Psychiatric PharmD Consults***

Elective Rotation Opportunities

- ***Neurology***
- ***Pain Management***
- ***Opiate Substitution Therapy Clinic***
- ***Toxicology***
- ***Geriatric Evaluation and Management***

WPIC Elective Rotation Opportunities

- ***Acute Psychosis***
- ***Dual Diagnosis***
- ***Mood Disorders***
- ***Child and Adolescent Psychiatry***
- ***Geriatric Psychiatry***

Faculty

VAPHS Preceptors in Pharmacy

Robert Kozarian, PharmD, BCPP- Residency Program Director, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Psychiatry

Amanda McQuillan, PharmD, BCPS – Academic Detailing Champion, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

Daniel Greer, PharmD, BCPP – Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

WPIC Preceptors in Pharmacy

Tanya Fabian, Pharm.D., Ph.D., BCPP – Director of Training for Psychiatric Pharmacy

Chelsea Carr, Pharm.D., BCPP – Clinical Pharmacist, Psychiatry

Jamie Montgomery, RPh, BCPP – Pharmacy Manager

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