

PGY2 Psychiatric Residency

Candidate for ASHP Accreditation
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VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

A level 1A tertiary referral center with 24 - hour emergency services located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The medical center has two main facilities. The University Drive Campus in Oakland is authorized to operate a total of 146 medical beds and 78 secure, private-room psychiatric beds. The H.J. Heinz campus has a 262-bed community living center, an ambulatory care center, a 65-bed Veterans recovery center, and a 31-bed psychiatric residential rehabilitation treatment center.

Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic

Considered one of the nation's foremost academic-based psychiatric care facilities, WPIC is consistently ranked as one of the best psychiatric hospitals in America by U.S. News & World Report. WPIC houses the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and is dedicated to providing behavioral health professionals with state-of-the-art training.



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PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program



VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System
Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic
(WPIC) of UPMC - Academic medical center
affiliate

Mission

To prepare pharmacists to be an expert in providing patient-centered psychiatric pharmacy care across an array of practice settings.

Our residents will become confident, effective practitioners of pharmacotherapy. Residents will focus on ensuring application of safe, effective, and evidence-based medicine practices to individual patients and in populations across the health system. These practitioners will demonstrate competency in educating their patients as well as current and future health care professionals.

Objectives

1. Demonstrate proficiency in providing direct patient care to veterans with mental health needs
2. Optimize psychiatric pharmacotherapy and safe medication practices
3. Educate patients, caregivers and healthcare professionals
4. Develop and implement research project in field of psychiatry
5. Develop leadership skills that include professionalism, empathy, compassion, time management, and advancement of clinical pharmacy practice.



Application

Qualifications

- ✓ Completion of a PGY-1 residency
- ✓ Doctor of Pharmacy from an ACPE accredited School of Pharmacy
- ✓ Active pharmacist license
- ✓ U.S. citizenship
- ✓ Federal background investigation
- ✓ Drug screening

Application Requirements

- ✓ A letter of interest
- ✓ Completed pharmacy practice residency application
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae
- ✓ Official pharmacy school transcripts
- ✓ Three (3) completed recommendation forms
- ✓ Onsite interviews

Deadline: January 8th using PHORCAS (<http://portal.phorcas.org>)

Residency applicants are required to participate in the ASHP Resident Matching Program (<http://www.natmatch.com>)

Code: 23090
NMS Code: 761866



Experience

Core Rotations

- Inpatient Psychiatry
- Outpatient Psychiatry
- Consultation & Liaison
- Addiction

Required Longitudinal Rotations

- Academic Detailing
- Psychotropic Drug Safety Initiative
- Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee
- DUE Subcommittee
- Research
- Teaching
- Anticoagulation

Elective Learning Experiences

- Neurology
- Pain Management
- Toxicology
- Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (WPIC)
- Geriatric Psychiatry (WPIC)
- Dual Diagnosis (WPIC)
- Mood Disorders (WPIC)
- Acute Psychosis (WPIC)

Didactic Learning

- WPIC Grand Rounds
- Resident Research Series

Teaching

- Precepting PGY-1 pharmacy residents for inpatient psychiatry rotation
- Opportunities for teaching patients, residents, and providers about psychiatric medications
- University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy lectures if available