



Veterans Affairs Caribbean Healthcare System

Post Graduate Year 1 Pharmacy Practice Residency



Optional Academic Certificate

- University of Puerto Rico School of Pharmacy faculty mentorship program
- Teaching seminars and workshops
- Academic project
- Academic research project (optional)
- Didactic teaching experience
- Precepting experiences (IPPE, APPE)
- At least one educational activity for the professional community
- Participation in University committees and the Academic Senate
- Academic portfolio

Residency Application Requirements

- Participation in ASHP Resident Matching Program and PhORCAS
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an accredited College or School of Pharmacy
- Licensure eligibility or licensure to practice pharmacy in a State, Territory, Commonwealth of the United States (i.e., Puerto Rico) or the District of Columbia
- U.S. citizenship
- Three letters of recommendation
- Letter of Intent and Curriculum Vitae
- On-site panel interview
- Fluency in both English and Spanish

Benefits

- Annual stipend
- Health and life insurance
- 35 days of accrued leave time:
- Administrative leave for educational meetings
- Complimentary lab coat
- Parking

Residency Description

- Collaborative program between the University of Puerto Rico School of Pharmacy and the VA Caribbean Healthcare System
- Accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)
- Flexible that adapts to the needs of each resident

Purpose:

Builds on Doctor of Pharmacy education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, eligible for board certification, and eligible for postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency training.

Residency Goals

- In collaboration with the healthcare team, provide safe and effective patient care to a diverse range of patients, including those with multiple comorbidities, high risk medication regimens and multiple medications following a consistent patient care process
- Ensure continuity of care during patient transitions between care settings
- Prepare, dispense and manage medications to support safe and effective drug therapy for patients
- Demonstrate ability to manage formulary and medication-use processes, as applicable to the organization
- Demonstrate ability to evaluate and investigate practice, review data, and assimilate scientific evidence to improve patient care and/or the medication-use system
- Demonstrate leadership skills
- Demonstrate management skills
- Provide effective medication and practice related education to patients, caregivers, healthcare professionals, students and the public (individuals and groups)
- Effectively employ appropriate preceptor roles when engaged in teaching students, pharmacy technicians, or fellow health care professionals



2016-2017 Residents

Sara Thompson
Karla Jiménez
Krissia Funes
Vanessa Estrada

Learning Experiences

Orientation and assessment
Direct patient care rotations
Practice management
Service/staffing rotation and weekends
Teaching experience
Investigational drug services

Direct Patient experiences

Internal Medicine Critical Care
Oncology Pain and Palliative Care
Anticoagulation management program
Community Living Center
Patient-aligned Care Teams
Home-based Primary Care

Requirements for completion:

- Complete all required learning experiences
- Complete a residency project
- Present the residency project results at the VACHS and prepare a manuscript suitable for publication
- Participate in the quarterly pharmacy newsletter
- Complete at least one medication use evaluation
- Prepare a drug class review, monograph, treatment guideline or protocol
- Comply with the service commitment requirements
- Present two formal conferences to the pharmacy staff
- Actively participate in one pharmacy service committee
- Actively participate in residency conferences and educational activities
- Prepare a portfolio of his/her practice and development, including a final self-reflection

VA Caribbean Healthcare System Description

- Tertiary care facility and teaching hospital
- Main medical center located in San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Includes 11 interdisciplinary ambulatory care clinics including rural and community-based outpatient clinics
- 330 hospital beds, 12 blind rehabilitation beds and 120 nursing home beds
- Services a population of approximately 150,883 veterans in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands
- Comprehensive health care provided through primary care, tertiary care, and long-term care in areas of medicine, surgery, physical medicine and rehabilitation, neurology, spinal cord injury, mental health, oncology, dentistry, and geriatrics
- Affiliation with various accredited healthcare profession schools such as:
 - ⇒ University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus
 - ⇒ Ponce School of Medicine
 - ⇒ Universidad Central del Caribe Medical School
- Over 900 residents, interns, and students from multiple healthcare disciplines are trained at this facility each year



Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory located in the northeastern Caribbean Sea. In Puerto Rico you will have the opportunity to appreciate vibrant culture, historical traditions, lively music, and tropical weather. This beautiful island houses a variety of natural treasures such as beaches, national forests, and bioluminescent bays. Puerto Rico enjoys year-round summer climate with an average annual temperature of 80°F (26°C).



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