

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
- A panel interview
- Fluency in both English and Spanish

Benefits

- Competitive annual stipend
- Health and life insurance
- Authorized absence for approved continuing education, in addition to vacation, national holidays, and sick days
- Complimentary lab coat



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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Veterans Affairs Caribbean Healthcare System

Post Graduate Year 1 Pharmacy Residency



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



2022-2023 Residents

Nicole J. Almodovar
Lizvette A. Flores
Rebeca Muniz
Angel M. Ortiz

Learning Experiences

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

Direct patient experiences

Anticoagulation Management Antimicrobial Stewardship
Cardiology Chronic Non Malignant Pain
Critical Care Extended Care
Home Base Primary Care Internal Medicine
Mental Health Metabolic
Oncology
Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT)

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 Health Science University, School of Medicine
 - ⇒ Universidad Central del Caribe, School of Medicine
 - ⇒ Nova Southeastern University
- Over 900 residents, interns, and students from multiple healthcare disciplines are trained at this facility each year