



# PROVIDENCE VA MEDICAL CENTER

## ASHP Accredited

### Pharmacy Residency Programs

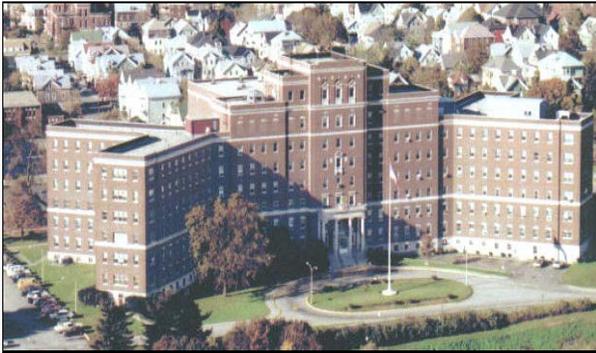
#### PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice

#### PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy

#### PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy

#### **Residency Program History**

The Providence Veterans Affairs Medical Center (PVAMC) residency program was established in 1994 as a specialty residency in primary care. After graduating many successful residents, the residency program was converted in 2007 to the current PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy program. The PGY-1 Pharmacy program was also established at that time to provide more residency training opportunities to today's pharmacy graduates. In 2013, two new programs in psychiatry were established - a PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency and an additional PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency. Currently, all PGY-1 and PGY-2 residency programs at PVAMC are accredited by ASHP.



PVAMC is a 75-bed general medicine and surgical teaching hospital, which provides comprehensive patient care. The medical center provides all major diagnostic and treatment specialties, including comprehensive inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services. The outpatient ambulatory care clinics support over 150,000 patient-visits per year in more than 32 primary and specialty care clinics. PVAMC also serves as a teaching facility for The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, and the MCPHS University School of Pharmacy.

#### **The Pharmacy Service**

The pharmacy service features a department consisting of 61 full time employees, which includes 31 pharmacists, 19 pharmacy technicians, 1 secretary, and 10 intermittent positions. Currently, there are 13 clinical pharmacy specialists practicing in ambulatory care and psychiatry. There are also 7 trainees, including 5 residents (3 PGY-1 residents and 2 PGY-2 residents) and 2 simulation lab fellows. The inpatient pharmacy provides hospital-wide unit dose and intravenous admixture services. The outpatient pharmacy provides over 1.3 million 30-day-equivalent prescriptions to over 30,000 Veterans per year. Both the inpatient and outpatient pharmacies utilize automated dispensing technologies wherever possible including the Pyxis and ScriptPro systems, as well as a comprehensive electronic medical record.

#### **The Clinical Pharmacy Service**

In addition to traditional clinical pharmacy services, there has been a concentrated effort to offer advanced clinical pharmacy practice services in the ambulatory care setting. All of the clinical pharmacy specialists at PVAMC work under an advanced scope of practice that includes disease-specific prescribing authority. These pharmacists are embedded in primary care's Patient Aligned Care Team (patient centered medical home model) and focus on disease state management. Pharmacist-managed clinics include: metabolic (ambulatory care), Diabetes Care Team, smoking cessation, psychiatry, anticoagulation, hepatitis C, direct oral anticoagulant, women's health, heart failure, and erythropoietin in addition to the traditional pharmacy consult clinic. Other responsibilities include drug information, patient education, drug usage evaluations, and formulary management. Residency rotations are also available with the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy faculty who have teaching sites at PVAMC.

## **The City of Providence**

Providence is the capital city of Rhode Island, also known as the “Ocean State.” As the “creative capital,” Providence offers a thriving arts community, vibrant and diverse neighborhoods, a renowned restaurant scene, and a rich historical background. Boston is an hour away, and New York City is easily accessible. For outdoor enthusiasts, Rhode Islanders enjoy beautiful beaches, numerous parks, hiking trails, biking paths, kayaking and boating opportunities. For more information visit: <http://www.goprovidence.com>.

## **Overview of the PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residencies**

The PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency is a 12-month full-time directed training program that builds upon knowledge, skills, and abilities gained from an accredited professional pharmacy degree program. It enhances general competencies in managing medication-use systems and supports optimal medication therapy outcomes for patients with a broad range of disease states. Residents are provided with the opportunity to accelerate their growth beyond the entry-level professional competency in patient-centered care and pharmacy operational services.

### **Outcome Competencies:**

- Managing and improving the medication use process
- Providing evidence-based, patient centered medication therapy management with interdisciplinary teams
- Exercising leadership and practice management
- Demonstrating project management skills
- Providing medication and practice-related education/training
- Utilizing medical informatics

### **Objectives of the PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Program:**

- Function as a highly competent pharmacy generalist who can function in multiple roles within a pharmacy system
- Participate in medication use evaluation and drug policy development
- Evaluate a patient’s medical record and medication profile and obtain information needed to make pharmaceutical care assessments
- Effectively communicate in both verbal and written modalities to patients and other health care professionals
- Develop educational tools designed to optimize patient understanding and medication use
- Enhance communication skills through continuing education program presentations

In addition, the resident will complete the following:

- Research Project
  - Background preparation, protocol design, data collection, and analysis of data
  - Written manuscript suitable for submission to a professional journal
  - Presentation at the Eastern States Residency Conference
- Drug monograph/drug information project(s)
- Pharmacy in-services and continuing education lectures
- At least one lecture in therapeutics at University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy

## **PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Required Rotations (4-6 weeks each):**

### **Match code # 146113**

- Orientation/Training (1 week)
- Inpatient Pharmacy/Outpatient Pharmacy Operations (3 weeks)
- Administrative (2 weeks)
- **Ambulatory Care I**
- **Ambulatory Care II**
- **Ambulatory Care III**
- Internal Medicine
- Drug Information
- Specialty Clinic: Hepatitis C, Smoking Cessation, Anticoagulation/Warfarin, and Direct Oral Anticoagulant
- 2 out of the following 3 options:
  - Heart Failure
  - Infectious Disease
  - Psychiatry (inpatient and outpatient)
- Physician-based clinics (elective block)
  - Examples: cardiology, dermatology, infectious disease, pulmonary, neurology, others

### **Match code # 146121**

- Orientation/Training (1 week)
- Inpatient Pharmacy/Outpatient Pharmacy Operations (3 weeks)
- Administrative (2 weeks)
- Ambulatory Care I
- Ambulatory Care II
- Internal Medicine
- Drug Information
- **Psychiatry (inpatient)**
- **Psychiatry (outpatient)**
- Specialty Clinic: Hepatitis C, Smoking Cessation, Anticoagulation/Warfarin, and Direct Oral Anticoagulant
- 1 out of the following 2 options:
  - Heart Failure
  - Infectious Disease
- Physician-based clinics (elective block)
  - Examples: cardiology, dermatology, infectious disease, pulmonary, neurology, others

### **Longitudinal Responsibilities:**

- Ambulatory care patient panel
- Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC) chart reviews
- Anticoagulation warfarin management
- Research project – to be approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB)
- Administrative projects
- Quarterly pharmacy newsletter
- Teaching certificate program

### **Teaching Opportunities**

Providing the pharmacy resident with opportunities to teach is a primary objective of the VA residency programs. The pharmacy service provides clinical and institutional clerkships for Pharm.D. students from the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy (URI) and the MCPHS University School of Pharmacy – Boston and Worcester campuses. Additionally, residents contribute to the ASHP teaching mission with lectures to Pharm.D. students as well as presentations to the PVAMC pharmacy, medical, and nursing staff.

The residency program participates in a formal teaching certificate program through URI.

### **Service Commitment**

All PGY-1 residents have a service commitment designed to ensure that they gain experience and can function as a pharmacy generalist. To achieve this objective, residents are scheduled approximately 8 to 16 hours per month (one to two weekend days per month) in a PVAMC inpatient pharmacy setting and are expected to perform as a patient care pharmacist or as an operations pharmacist under the guidance of a supervising pharmacist.

### **PGY-2 Early Commitment Option**

For PGY-1 residents at PVAMC who want to complete a second year of residency training, early acceptance into either the PGY-2 Ambulatory Care or Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency may be considered during the late fall as an option. Those residents accepted for early admission to the PGY-2 program will NOT participate in the ASHP Match program.

## **Overview of the PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Program**

The PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency is a 12-month, full-time program designed to provide the second year resident with advanced training in physical assessment, clinical decision making, and disease state management in an environment that emphasizes interdisciplinary managed care.

**The goal of PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency is to train practitioners as competent direct care providers in a variety of pharmacist-directed and Interprofessional clinics.**

The potential settings include:

**Pharmacist Directed:** • Primary Care (Pharmacy Consult) • Anticoagulation • Direct Oral Anticoagulant  
• Smoking Cessation • Women's Health • Hepatitis C • Heart Failure • Psychiatry • Home-Based Primary Care • Interdisciplinary Pain

**Physician Directed:** • Endocrinology • Neurology • Women's Health • Pulmonary • Dermatology  
• Hematology • Cardiology • HIV/Infectious Disease

Ongoing activities include working on special projects for the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee, participating in research projects, precepting PGY-1 Pharmacy residents and pharmacy APPE students, and other teaching and lecturing activities.

### **Objectives of the PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Residency Program:**

The objective of the specialty residency program is to provide the PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident with opportunities to complete the following:

- Improve skills necessary to function independently as a clinical pharmacy specialist in a primary/ambulatory care setting
- Identify, resolve, and prevent drug related problems through the use of patient interview, physical assessment, patient observation, and medical profile review
- Evaluate a patient's medical record and medication profile, and obtain information needed to make primary care assessments
- Improve continuity of care by promoting interdisciplinary communication and cooperation for the optimal care of patients

In addition, the resident will complete the following:

- Research Project
  - Background preparation, protocol design, data collection, and analysis of data
  - Written manuscript suitable for submission to a professional journal
  - Presentation at the Eastern States Residency Conference
- An administrative project
- Pharmacy in-services and continuing education lectures

## **Overview of the PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program**

The PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program is a 12-month, full-time program designed to provide the second year resident with advanced training in clinical decision making and disease state management in an environment which emphasizes interdisciplinary psychiatric care. This program is also listed on the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) residency directory website:

<https://cpnp.org/career/residencies?program=254>.

**The goal of the PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency is to train practitioners as competent patient care providers in a variety of inpatient and outpatient psychiatric settings.**

The potential settings include:

**Pharmacist Directed:** • Outpatient Psychiatry • Mental Health Pharmacy Consult • Academia • Outpatient Addiction Recovery Services • PTSD/Returning Veterans Clinic

**Psychiatrist/Neurologist Directed:** • Neurology (general, multiple sclerosis, movement disorders) • Outpatient Addiction Recovery Services • PTSD/Returning Veterans Clinic • Homeless Veterans Clinic • Primary Care Mental Health

**Interprofessional Teams:** • Inpatient Psychiatry • Clozapine Clinic • Suboxone Clinic • Methadone Clinic • ALS/Spinal Cord Injury • Traumatic Brain Injury

**Other ongoing activities include:** • Answering drug information questions • Completing psychiatry pharmacy e-consults • Completing a medication use evaluation • Assisting in an advance neuropsychiatry elective course at the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy (URI) • Co-precepting URI pharmacy students on psychiatry rotation at the Providence VA Medical Center • Providing in-services and teaching to healthcare professionals and Veterans

**Research/Quality Improvement Project:** • Background preparation, protocol design, data collection, and analysis of data • Written manuscript suitable for submission to a professional journal • Poster presentation at the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists Annual Meeting

**Inter-residency Education:** Partnering with residents and preceptors at the VA Connecticut Healthcare System, VA Boston Healthcare System, and Yale/New Haven Hospital for weekly educational topic discussions, journal clubs, and case presentations across a variety of disease states and psychiatric pharmacy issues. These discussions provide excellent preparation for the BCPP examination.

### **Objectives of the PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program:**

The objectives of the specialty residency program are to provide the PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident with an opportunity to complete the following:

- Improve the skills necessary to function independently as a clinical pharmacy specialist in psychiatry
- Provide experiences in neurology that are essential for a psychiatric pharmacy specialist
- Identify, resolve, and prevent medication related problems through the use of patient interview, psychiatric assessment, and medical profile review
- Improve continuity of care and optimize patient outcomes through interprofessional communication and collaboration

### **Residency Program Benefits**

Approximate Resident Stipend: PGY-1: \$44,000-45,000                      PGY-2: \$48,000-49,000

Vacation: Vacation time will accrue at a rate of four (4) hours per pay period (26 pay periods per year) for a total of thirteen (13) paid vacation days

Holidays: Ten (10) paid holidays

Required Conference Attendance:

- Residents will attend the Midyear Clinical Meeting
- PGY-1 residents and PGY-2 Ambulatory Care resident will attend the Eastern States Conference
- PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident will attend the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) Annual Conference

Sick Leave: Sick time will accrue at the rate of 4 hours per pay period for a maximum of 13 sick days

Health Insurance: Available on a group rate basis

Parking: Free

### **Additional Benefits**

Job openings within the VA after graduation are plentiful across the country, many of which are at the clinical pharmacy specialist or supervisory levels.

### **Qualifications**

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Have received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE accredited college of pharmacy or a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy with equivalent experience for the PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency
- Have completed a PGY-1 residency or have equivalent experience for the PGY-2 residencies in ambulatory care pharmacy and psychiatric pharmacy
- Have/obtain a current license to practice as a registered pharmacist in any state

### **Application Requirements – All documents should be submitted to PHORCAS by assigned date**

- Residency application form
- Letter of intent describing goals/reasons for pursuing advanced residency training in pharmacy, ambulatory care pharmacy, or psychiatric pharmacy
- Official college of pharmacy transcript
- Three letters of recommendation
- Curriculum vitae

**NOTE: Applicants for the PGY-1 and PGY-2 residencies MUST participate in the ASHP Match Program**

### **Inquiries & Contact Information**

Inquiries or questions regarding the PGY-1 Pharmacy and PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy residency programs can be made to the residency program director:

**Carol Botelho, Pharm.D, BCACP, BCGP**  
**Providence VAMC, Pharmacy Service (119)**  
**830 Chalkstone Avenue**  
**Providence, RI 02908**  
[Carol.Botelho@va.gov](mailto:Carol.Botelho@va.gov)

Inquiries or questions regarding the PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy residency program can be made to the residency program director:

**Cristofer Price, Pharm.D., BCPP**  
**Providence VAMC, Pharmacy Service (119)**  
**830 Chalkstone Avenue**  
**Providence, RI 02908**  
[Cristofer.Price@va.gov](mailto:Cristofer.Price@va.gov)

## **STAFF BIOS**

### **Bradley E. Peterson, Pharm.D., BCACP**

*Acting Chief of Pharmacy*

*Clinical Practice Site: Providence VA Medical Center*

Dr. Peterson is a 1980 graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, South Carolina and completed an ASHP accredited residency in Pharmacy Practice at the same institution in 1981. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy in 2007. Dr. Peterson has held multiple positions ranging from acute care inpatient staff, clinical pharmacy coordinator, to assistant and associate director of pharmacy positions. He has served as a preceptor for both the MCPHS University – Worcester and the URI College of Pharmacy externship and clerkship programs. He holds a membership in ASHP, ACCP, and ASCP and has held several positions on the Board of Directors of the RISHP state affiliate. Dr. Peterson's current practice interests include collaborative practice / pharmacist directed primary care, pharmacy benefits / formulary management, and the integration/ continuity of ambulatory care/ inpatient clinical pharmacy services.

### **Carol Botelho, Pharm.D., BCACP, BCGP**

*Residency Program Director/Clinical Pharmacy Specialist*

*Clinical Practice Site: Providence VA Medical Center*

Dr. Botelho received both her Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the University of Rhode Island. Dr. Botelho joined the ambulatory care clinical pharmacy staff in 2006 after serving as an acute care (inpatient) clinical pharmacist in the private sector where she was a preceptor for the URI College of Pharmacy externship and clerkship programs. She also works in primary care and is the lead clinical pharmacist for the Home Based Primary Care program. Dr. Botelho's interests include geriatrics, research, and disease state management of diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. Dr. Botelho is a preceptor for Pharm.D. candidates from the University of Rhode Island, MCPHS University, Marshall University, and the University of Sciences – Philadelphia. Dr. Botelho is also an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Rhode Island and MCPHS University.

### **Megan E. Crete, Pharm.D.**

*Clinical Pharmacy Specialist*

*Clinical Practice Site: Providence VA Medical Center*

Dr. Crete graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 2005 and completed her Specialty Pharmacy Residency in Primary Care in 2006 at the Providence VAMC. After completion of her residency, Dr. Crete worked as a clinical pharmacy specialist at the Northampton VAMC specializing in anticoagulation and disease state management. Before joining the PVAMC Clinical Pharmacy Service, Dr. Crete practiced as a Clinical Pharmacist in the Inpatient (acute care) setting at PVAMC. Dr. Crete's interests include disease state management of diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, and anticoagulation. Dr. Crete is a preceptor for the Pharm.D. candidates from the MCPHS University – Worcester.

### **Glenn Balian, Pharm.D., MBA, BC-ADM, BCACP**

*Clinical Pharmacy Specialist*

*Clinical Practice Site: Providence VA Medical Center*

Dr. Balian holds a Pharm.D. from the Northeastern University School of Pharmacy in Boston, MA during which time he completed research, acute care, and outpatient care rotations. Subsequently, Dr. Balian graduated from a combined outpatient and acute care PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the VA Boston Medical Center. Dr. Balian is a Persian Gulf combat Veteran holding a B.S. from the United States Military Academy, West Point, and an MBA from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. Dr. Balian joined the Providence VA Medical Center clinical pharmacy staff in 2012, and serves as a preceptor for Pharm.D. candidates from MCPHS University – Worcester and the Northeastern University School of Pharmacy.

### **Carlos Freitas, Pharm.D., BCACP**

*Clinical Pharmacy Specialist*

*Clinical Practice Site: Providence VA Medical Center*

Dr. Freitas holds a Pharm.D. from MCPHS University, Worcester, MA and completed both his PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency and PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy residency at the Providence VA Medical Center. Dr. Freitas specializes in chronic disease states including diabetes, hypertension and hyperlipidemia. He leads the erythropoietin growth factor clinic and is also involved in Diabetes Care Team. Dr. Freitas also specializes in Direct Oral Anticoagulation management and holds clinic at the Providence VA and via Clinical Video Teleconference.

**Kathryn (Conti) Tiene, Pharm.D.**

*Clinical Pharmacy Specialist*

*Clinical Practice Site: Providence VA Medical Center*

Dr. Tiene holds a Pharm.D. from MCPHS University, Boston, MA and completed both her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency and PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy residency at the Providence VA Medical Center. In 2016, Dr. Conti was hired on as the clinical pharmacy specialist in Primary Care, Women's Health, and Pain Management. She specializes in chronic disease states including diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, smoking cessation, contraceptive management, and chronic pain management. She is also involved in Diabetes Care Team. Dr. Conti leads the weekly smoking cessation clinic in conjunction with the primary care behavioral health department. She also works with primary care providers in the interdisciplinary pain clinic.

**Chelsea Sampadian, Pharm.D.**

*Clinical Pharmacy Specialist*

*Clinical Practice Site: Providence VA Medical Center*

Dr. Sampadian holds a Pharm.D., from MCPHS University, Manchester, NH. Dr. Sampadian completed both her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency and PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy residency at the Providence VA Medical Center. She practices in primary care, including diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. She also specializes in anticoagulation management, including warfarin and DOAC management. Dr. Sampadian performs Medication Use Evaluations for the P&T Committee.

**Christine Borowy, Pharm.D., BCPS**

*Clinical Pharmacy Specialist*

*Clinical Practice Site: New Bedford VA CBOC*

Dr. Borowy joined the clinical staff in 2011 as the first clinical pharmacy specialist located in the Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC). Dr. Borowy received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 2005 and completed her Primary Care Pharmacy Residency at the Louis Stokes VAMC in 2007. She is currently Board Certified in Pharmacotherapy. She has been a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care at the Dwight D. Eisenhower VAMC and Chillicothe VAMC. Her areas of practice include diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, and smoking cessation.

**Amy Boutet, Pharm.D., BCACP**

*Coordinator, Anticoagulation Services*

*Clinical Practice Site: Providence VA Medical Center*

Dr. Boutet obtained her Pharm.D. from Northeastern University School of Pharmacy in Boston, MA. She completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center. She then completed her PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy residency at the Providence VA Medical Center. Dr. Boutet worked in primary care at Lahey Hospital in Burlington, MA before joining the Providence VA team in 2016. She is currently the lead coordinator of the pharmacy anticoagulation clinic. Her primary responsibilities include warfarin and INR monitoring and management, anticoagulation bridging, and patient education for warfarin therapy.

**Marlene I. Callahan, Pharm.D.**

*Clinical Pharmacy Specialist*

*Clinical Practice Site: Providence VA Medical Center*

Dr. Callahan is a clinical pharmacy specialist who leads the GI (Hepatitis C) Clinic. Dr. Callahan joined the PVAMC Pharmacy Service after completing a Primary Care Pharmacy Residency at the Providence VA Medical Center. She precepts pharmacy students and PGY-1 pharmacy residents.

**Cristofer Price, Pharm.D., BCPP**

*PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program Directory*

*Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Mental Health*

*Clinical Practice Site: Providence VA Medical Center*

Dr. Price graduated from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in 2011 and completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy and PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at the Lexington VA Medical Center in Lexington, KY. Dr. Price practices on the inpatient psychiatry unit, in the clozapine clinic, and runs a medication management clinic in the outpatient mental health service. Additional areas of practice/research include comprehensive medication management and

reducing polypharmacy. Dr. Price serves as a preceptor for Pharm.D. candidates from the University of Rhode Island. He is an active member of College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) and was a co-author of the 2015 CPNP position paper, "Improving medication-related outcomes for patients with psychiatric and neurologic disorders: Value of psychiatric pharmacists as part of the health care team."

**Robert L. Dufresne, PhD, PhD, BCPS, BCPP**

*Psychiatric Pharmacotherapy Specialist*

*Clinical Practice Site: Providence VA Medical Center*

Dr. Dufresne is a Professor of Pharmacy at the URI College of Pharmacy and a Psychiatric Pharmacotherapy Specialist at the Providence VA Medical Center. His educational background includes pharmacy degrees and board certifications in Psychiatric Pharmacy and Pharmacotherapy as well as doctorates in both pharmacology and psychology. He is engaged in teaching psychiatric and neurologic pharmacotherapy to students of pharmacy, nursing, medicine, and assorted allied health fields. He is an active member of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) and has served in various capacities as a board member, journal editor, and participant in numerous committees over the years. In addition to these activities, he provides clinical service at the Providence VAMC. Dr. Dufresne's research over the course of his career has included work in the pharmacotherapy of major depression and depression in schizophrenia. More recently he has published extensively in the area of antipsychotic induced dyslipidemia.

**Jessica (Hawthorne) Putney, Pharm.D., BCPP**

*Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Mental Health*

*Clinical Practice Site: Providence VA Medical Center*

Dr. Hawthorne graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy in 2014 and completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice and PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at the Providence VA Medical Center. After residency, Dr. Hawthorne joined the Trauma Recovery Services and Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Services interprofessional teams as a clinical pharmacy specialist in mental health. Her responsibilities include medication management clinic, Suboxone clinic, smoking cessation clinic, pharmacy consults and e-consults, non-formulary drug requests, and naloxone education consults. Additional areas of practice/research include medication adherence, primary care in patients with mental illness, opioid safety, and benzodiazepine and opioid co-prescribing. Dr. Hawthorne is an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at University of Rhode Island and a member of College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP).

**Justin C. Ellison, Pharm.D., BCPP**

*Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Mental Health*

*Clinical Practice Site: Hyannis VA CBOC and New Bedford VA CBOC*

Dr. Ellison graduated from the University of Rhode Island School of Pharmacy in 2012. He then completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at Stony Brook University Medical Center and a PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at the Providence VA Medical Center. Dr. Ellison runs a comprehensive medication management clinic in the outpatient mental health service where he serves Veterans with a variety of illnesses including mood disorders, PTSD, substance use disorders, and schizophrenia. Dr. Ellison has conducted research and published within the area of schizophrenia and related disorders. He is also an active member of College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) and serves as a peer reviewer for the Mental Health Clinician and Bipolar Disorders.

**University of Rhode Island Faculty with Clinical Sites at the PVAMC**

- Robert L. Dufresne, PhD, PhD, BCPS, BCPP
  - Clinical Practice: Psychiatry/Psychopharmacology
- Kerry LaPlante, Pharm.D.
  - Clinical Practice: Infectious Diseases
- Tracey (Taveira) Goncalves, Pharm.D., CDOE
  - Clinical Practice: Heart Failure
- Nicole Asal, Pharm.D., BCPS
  - Clinical Practice: Internal Medicine
- Kristina Ward, Pharm.D., BCPS
  - Drug Information Service – practice site at the URI College of Pharmacy