Clinical Pharmacy Services

Pharmacy is involved in all aspects of medication management. With the implementation of physician order entry, barcode technology, cartless distribution, robotics, and technical support for distributive functions, we are able to focus on clinical activities.

Hot Springs has seven Clinical Pharmacy Specialists (CPS) and ten technicians. Fort Meade has 17 CPS, and 12 technicians. There are 2 South Dakota State University (SDSU) College of Pharmacy faculty, and 3 residents (combination of PGY1 and PGY2). The pharmacies are staffed Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m., with limited holiday and weekend coverage.

Educational Affiliations

VA Black Hills Health Care System is a teaching institution affiliated with SDSU Colleges of Pharmacy and Nursing, University of South Dakota School of Medicine, and Western Dakota Technical Institute.

Federal Employment

Contingent upon completion of a physical exam, including negative drug test. Applicants must meet the requirements for federal employment. Residents are required to obtain a pharmacist's license in any state within 3 months of appointment. CPS and residents use their prescribing privileges in collaboration with the medical team to help optimize patient care and reach treatment goals.

VA BHHCS will be utilizing ASHP PhORCAS for applications: www.ashp.org/phorcas

Application Requirements:

- U.S. citizenship
- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- College transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation
- Residency Matching Program participant
- Onsite interview

Application Deadline: January 10th

Interview Notification Date: Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than February 15.

Please submit questions to:

Amy Doten, Pharm.D.
VA BHHCS Pharmacy
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Fort Meade, SD 57741
Phone: 1-800-743-1070 ext. 7808
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Fort Meade Campus

Hot Springs Campus

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Black Hills Health Care System
Department of Veterans Affairs

Fort Meade & Hot Springs, SD PGY1 Residency

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VA Black Hills Health Care System is located in the beautiful Black Hills of western South Dakota, where we are known for our blue skies, pine forests, rich history, moderate climate and friendliness. VA Black Hills provides primary and secondary medical and surgical care, along with Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (RRTP) services, extended nursing home care and tertiary psychiatric inpatient services, for Veterans residing in South Dakota and portions of Nebraska, Wyoming, North Dakota and Montana. Care to approximately 20,000 Veterans is delivered through the Fort Meade (near Sturgis) and Hot Springs VA Medical Centers, as well as through a number of our community based outpatient clinics and rural health clinics.

VA Black Hills is part of the VA Midwest Health Care Network.

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Residency Purpose:

PGY1 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) 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 Description:

The VA Black Hills PGY1 Pharmacy Residency will train pharmacists in the setting of a large, rural VA health care system. While both inpatient and outpatient learning experiences are required during this program, pharmacist involvement in ambulatory care is broad. An elective teaching certificate program is available which equips residents to pursue a position in an academic setting. Feedback from both residents and preceptors is valued and used to proactively customize each resident's experience.

Area Attractions:

There are many places of interest located within the Black Hills area. Additional information can be found:

www.travelsd.com

www.blackhillsbadlands.com

Learning Experiences:

Direct Patient Care

Required

- Patient Aligned Care Team—*L*
- Anticoagulation – *L*
- Community Living Center—*L*
- Home Based Primary Care—*L*
- Inpatient Clinical Pharmacy—*R*
- Internal Medicine —*R*

Non-Direct Patient Care

Required

- Orientation—*R*
- Practice Management—*R*
- Residency Project— *L*
- Medication Use Process—*L*
- Professional Development—*L*
- Practice Coverage—L

Elective

- Teaching Certificate—*L*

Observational Opportunities

- Oncology—R
- Pain Management—R
- Mental Health—R

R= rotational
L = longitudinal

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Clinical meetings: Residents are engaged in local meetings including: staff meetings, residency meetings, interdisciplinary team meetings, and Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee meetings , at a minimum. Additionally, residents are expected to attend ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, Midwest Pharmacy Residents Conference, South Dakota State Pharmacy Association meeting(s), and possibly regional VA pharmacy meetings.

Hours, Salary, and Benefits: Hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday with limited assigned holidays and weekends. Residents will receive a stipend of $41,216 which includes salary plus health and life insurance. Fringe benefits include 13 days of paid leave, 13 days of paid sick leave, 10 paid holidays, lab coat, and free parking. On-site housing may be available at a reduced rate. If interested, please inquire at interview.

Start Date and Duration

We have three positions that will begin the pay period closest to July 1st.

Match Rules: This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or improperly use any ranking related information from any residency applicant.