VA BHHCS will be utilizing ASHP PhORCAS for applications: [www.ashp.org/phorcas](http://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 15th.

Please submit questions to:
Jessica Mitchell, Pharm.D.
PGY1 Residency Program Director
VA BHHCS Pharmacy
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**Clinical Pharmacy Services**

VA Blacks Hills has 30 pharmacists and 16 technicians located at the two main campuses (Fort Meade and Hot Springs) and two Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Rapid City, SD and Scottsbluff, NE. 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. Pharmacists use their prescribing privileges in collaboration with the medical team to help optimize Veteran care and reach treatment goals.

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**Educational Affiliations**

VA BHHCS is a teaching institution with multiple affiliations including SDSU Colleges of Pharmacy and Nursing, University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy, Creighton University School of Pharmacy, University of South Dakota School of Medicine, and Western Dakota Technical Institute.

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**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 three months of appointment.

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At VA Black Hills Health Care System it is our privilege to provide primary and surgical care, Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program services, extended care and rehabilitation, outpatient mental health, and inpatient psychiatric services. We provide compassionate, quality care to over 20,000 Veterans residing in South Dakota and portions of Nebraska, Wyoming, North Dakota and Montana.
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 Veterans 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.

Learning Experiences:

Required

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

Non-Direct Patient Care
- Medication Use Process - L
- Orientation - R
- Practice Coverage - L
- Practice Management - R
- Residency Project - L

L = longitudinal
R = rotational

Elective
- Academia
- Interdisciplinary Pain Team
- Teaching Certificate
- Emergency Medicine
- Elective experiences are customized based on residents’ interests and future plans. Experiences may vary from the examples listed above and may also include an extension of a required learning experience.

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. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday with limited assigned holidays and weekends. Residents will receive a stipend of $41,742 which includes salary plus health and life insurance. Fringe benefits include 13 days of paid leave, 13 days of paid sick leave, 11 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: The residency is a full-time temporary appointment of one year and one day in duration which will begin the pay period closest to July 1st.

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

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