

Veterans Affairs Medical Center - Memphis, TN
Post Graduate Year One Pharmacy Residency

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ASHP Program Code: 54200
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Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of the Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program is to build on the 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 and to prepare graduate pharmacists for the practice of pharmacy as exemplified by the concepts of pharmaceutical care. The pharmacist completing the residency training program will independently and confidently manage patient disease states and drug therapy focused on achieving appropriate patient outcomes. The pharmacist will be a proficient member of the healthcare team, proactively manage practice issues, possess marketable practice skills, and exhibit effective teaching and communication skills. The pharmacist will commit to continuous lifelong learning and the advancement of the pharmacy profession. Upon completion of the PGY1 program, the resident will be eligible for board certification and a postgraduate year two (PGY-2) pharmacy residency training program.

Overview:

The Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center provides comprehensive healthcare to Veterans and is directly involved in the education of healthcare professionals. Pharmacy services at the VAMC Memphis have been developed to meet the needs of a large institution while anticipating future pharmacists' roles. There are 28 Clinical Pharmacy Specialists practicing throughout the hospital and outpatient clinics providing direct patient care as well as consultations as part of ongoing pharmaceutical care services. Since 1963, pharmacy residency training at the VAMC Memphis has allowed residents to participate at an advanced level of practice in an environment that not only accepts their contribution to patient drug therapy, but expects it.

Program:

The VAMC Memphis PGY1 residency program is a 12-month post-Doctor of Pharmacy training program accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. The goal of this residency is to enable pharmacists to develop the knowledge and experience necessary to provide pharmaceutical care to both ambulatory and hospitalized patients with a strong emphasis on developing clinical skills. Residents have the opportunity to train with experienced clinical pharmacy specialists in a wide variety of clinical settings. Training schedules include flexibility to allow residents to pursue areas of personal interest. Instructional and educational opportunities are available for residents to develop teaching skills by presenting lectures and small group discussions. The program also offers opportunities to complete a PGY-2 in Internal Medicine and Ambulatory Care.

Summary:

Type/Duration	Pharmacy Post Graduate Year One (PGY1) Residency/12 months
Number of Positions:	7
Application Deadline:	January 5
Starting Date:	June 25
Estimated Stipend:	\$41,166
Interview Required:	Yes

General application requirements: U.S. Citizenship and Pharm.D. from ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy

PhORCAS application requirements: CV, college of pharmacy transcripts, letter of intent, three letters of recommendation; submit application at <https://portal.phorcass.org>

Fringe Benefits:

Two and one-half weeks paid vacation and sick leave plus federal holidays

Participation in VA Plans/Programs (health, life, disability and long-term care insurance)

Three days paid interview leave and paid leave to attend and participate in state and national pharmacy meetings

Program Structure – Rotations and Learning Experiences:

- Orientation to all aspects of the health system’s pharmacy services, residency and PharmAcademic
- Core required rotations (4 weeks)
 - Ambulatory Care
 - Critical Care Medicine (MICU)
 - Geriatrics
 - Internal Medicine
 - Nutrition Support/Surgical ICU
 - Practice Management/Pharmacoeconomics
- Elective rotations (4 weeks):
 - Repeat core rotation(s)
 - Cardiology
 - Home Based Primary Care
 - Palliative Care/Pain Management
 - Spinal Cord Injury
 - Hematology/Oncology
 - Mental Health
- Pharmacotherapy longitudinal experiences. Each quarter, residents will choose 1 learning experience from the following (half-day per week, 12 weeks):
 - Rheumatology Clinic
 - Neurology Clinic
 - Hypertension Clinic
 - Lipid Clinic
 - Heart Failure Clinic
 - Pain Clinic/Pain Coping Group
 - Memory Clinic
 - Emergency Room
 - Hepatitis Clinic
 - Polypharmacy/Hospital Discharge Clinic
 - Nephrology Clinic
- Required, year-long, continuous learning experiences
 - Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring
 - Formulary Management
 - Antibiotic Surveillance
 - Applied Pharmacokinetics
 - Patient Education
 - Drug Usage Evaluation
 - Pharmacotherapy Presentations (3 total, 1 CE)
 - IRB approved research project
 - University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Teaching Learning Program
 - Clinical/Operational Staffing on a rotational basis
 - Pharmaceuticals preparation and dispensing, applied pharmacy practice
 - On a rotating basis, each resident serves as Chief Resident concurrent with other rotations.

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Additional information:

- ❖ Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than the third week of February
- ❖ This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.
- ❖ Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of a physical exam, including negative drug test. Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment. Residents are required to obtain a pharmacist’s license in any state by September 1st..