VA Salt Lake City (VASLCHCS) Residency Programs:
The VASLCHCS offers three ASHP accredited programs:
- PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency
- PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency
- PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency
The goal for these 12 month post graduate experiences is to further advance the resident’s knowledge, skills, and confidence in clinical practice pharmacy settings.

PGY-1 Program:
There are three PGY-1 positions at the VASLCHCS. We offer a traditional program emphasizing acute and ambulatory care clinical learning experiences. The goal is to prepare residents for acute and ambulatory pharmacy careers, adjunct faculty positions, or further PGY-2 training.

PGY-1 Program Purpose:
The PGY-1 pharmacy residency program builds on the Doctor of Pharmacy education, to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions. Upon completion of the residency, residents will be eligible for board certification in pharmacotherapy and PGY-2 pharmacy residency training.
PGY-1 Residency Rotation Description:
The residency program has both required core and elective learning experiences. The required learning experience descriptions (LED) illustrate the foundation of the PGY-1 rotation experience. The resident also selects four electives to pursue clinical interests and customize their PGY-1. As needed, the residency program will network with other sites (University of Utah, Poison Control Center, and Intermountain Health Care Systems) to provide additional specialty care rotations not available at the VA. These affiliated site rotations are subject to preceptor, site, and licensing availability and are to be coordinated by the Residency Program Director (RPD).

PGY-1 Program Curriculum

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<th>Core Rotations</th>
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<td>VA Systems (Inpatient and Outpatient Pharmacy)</td>
<td>3 weeks</td>
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<td>Internal Medicine</td>
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<td>Critical Care (Medical ICU or Surgical ICU)</td>
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<td>Management</td>
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<td>Inpatient Psychiatric Unit (IPU)</td>
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<th>Longitudinal Rotations</th>
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<td>Inpatient Pharmacy Staffing</td>
<td>August-December: 2.5 hours/week</td>
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<td>Ambulatory Care</td>
<td>January-June: 4 hours/week</td>
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<th>Elective Rotations (choose 4)</th>
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<td>Acute Care Surgery</td>
<td>Geriatrics Specialty Clinic</td>
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<td>Advanced Heart Failure/Cardiac Transplant*</td>
<td>Hematology/Oncology</td>
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<td>Antimicrobial Stewardship</td>
<td>Pain and Palliatative Care*</td>
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<td>Emergency Department</td>
<td>Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&amp;R)*</td>
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<td>Infectious Disease*</td>
<td>Women’s Clinic</td>
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*Rotations that have both inpatient and outpatient components
Other PGY-1 Requirements:

- Weekend clinical staffing (every third weekend)
- Research/Quality improvement project
- Medication use evaluation
- Poster at ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
- Project presentation at Mountain States Regional Residency Conference
- ACPE certified continuing education presentation
- BLS (required) and ACLS (optional) certificate
- Attend medication safety committee meetings
- Monthly leadership seminar with PGY-2s
- Teaching certificate (optional)

VASLCHCS PGY-1 Salary and Benefits

VA Pharmacy Resident Salary and Benefits:

The resident in our program is considered a federal full-time employee with a salary and benefit package. Salary is paid by the VA Office of Academic affiliations and rates may increase depending on the current year allocation rate. In addition, residents accrue annual/sick leave and other benefits listed below:

- **Salary**: PGY-1 2019 stipend was $41,198
  - Health benefits include Government Health Care Medical Plan and option for dental and life insurance
- **Retirement Benefits**: the resident is not vested and does not have a 401K or matching fund benefit during residency year
- **Holidays**: 11 paid holidays
- **Leave**: both annual and sick leave accrue at 4 hours per pay period (every 2 weeks).
  - Approximately 13 days of annual leave and 13 days of sick leave per year
- **Travel**: travel stipend for ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Mountain States Regional Residency Conference
Why Choose VASLCHCS Residency?

About VASLCHCS:
Located on a 70 acre campus situated at the foot of the Wasatch mountain range, the George E. Wahlen Department of Veteran Affairs is a 121 bed tertiary care facility serving Veterans residing within a 25,000 square mile radius within VISN 19. The VASLCHCS is closely affiliated with the University of Utah and Intermountain Healthcare Systems.

As a resident you can expect:
- A wide variety of available rotations
- To be well integrated and respected among medical teams
- To participate in evidence and guideline-based medicine
- To engage in daily direct patient care activities including rounds, clinical appointments, group classes, etc.
- To practice under a preceptor with full scope of practice
- Great opportunities for post-residency employment within the VA
- To practice with any state pharmacy license
- To practice with high quality and invested preceptors

Living in Salt Lake City

About Salt Lake City:
“Life Elevated” – Salt Lake City is located between two mountain ranges, the Wasatch Mountains to the East and the Oquirrh Mountains to the West.

Combining the amenities of a major metropolitan area with the friendliness of a small western city, Salt Lake City is an ideal place to live. A beautiful and vibrant city, Salt Lake combines unparalleled access to natural recreation, a bustling economy, dynamic nightlife, and Utah’s Greatest Snow on Earth. Utah offers five national parks, miles of mountain biking trails and 13 down-hill ski resorts (10 of them less than an hour drive from downtown).

Numerous restaurants, shops, malls, theatres, and outdoor concerts make Salt Lake City an exciting place to live. In addition to professional sporting teams, the city hosts its own symphony and film festivals. No matter what your taste in music or entertainment, you are likely to find something to suit you in and around the city.

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