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## PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program

VA Salt Lake City  
Health Care System  
Salt Lake City, Utah



### Residency Program

Our mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well being. VA Salt Lake City Health Care System's (VASLCHCS) PGY1 Residency Program is built around three guiding principles. We train residents to become people centric, results driven, and forward looking pharmacy professionals. We accomplish this by contributing towards the advancement, dissemination and application of high quality, progressive pharmaceutical care that enhances health status and quality of life. We are committed to excellence in the application and development of pharmacotherapy knowledge through education, innovation, research and collaboration with other health care providers. We expect the following key outcomes from a PGY1 pharmacy resident:

1. Identify pharmacotherapy goals for patients that integrates patient specific data, evidence based medicine, ethics, and quality of life considerations.
2. Develop the ability to design a cost effective, efficient pharmacotherapy regimen that is safe and meets the goals established for a patient.
3. Educate healthcare providers, patients, and caregivers at an appropriate level of communication.
4. Develop leadership skills that include professional maturity, empathy, strong ethics, compassion, time management skills, and pharmaceutical knowledge.
5. Competently function in multiple environments and in partnership with other healthcare providers.

6. Develop skills and high level of awareness in medication reconciliation, competency in clinical pharmacy practice, and working knowledge of the accreditation standards.

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### General Requirements

- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE accredited School of Pharmacy
- Active pharmacist license or eligibility in a state
- U.S. citizenship
- Successfully pass drug screening and a federal background investigation
- Available for an on-site interview

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### Application Requirements

VASLCHCS Residency Program will be participating in PhORCAS. The below items need to be submitted within PhORCAS:

- A letter of interest stating your three most important professional goals
- Completed pharmacy practice residency application
- Curriculum vitae
- Official pharmacy school transcripts
- Three completed recommendation forms

### Deadline: January 1, 2015

Residency applicants are required to participate in the ASHP Resident Matching Program (<http://www.natmatch.com>).

Residents receive a competitive annual stipend, 13 paid holidays, sick leave, health care benefit package, free parking, office space, travel stipends to attend one national professional meeting and one local residency conference.

## Overview

The PGY1 pharmacy residency is a one-year postgraduate program that begins on or about mid June. Our program emphasizes training in adult acute care. Residents will have various experiential opportunities and a significant role in well established clinics including, Cardiac Risk Reduction, Geriatrics, Women's Clinic, Rheumatology, Smoking Cessation, and various Primacy Care Clinics.

## Core Experience

- Inpatient and Outpatient pharmacy
- Pharmacy management
- Critical care
- Adult internal medicine
- Ambulatory care
- Drug information
- Psychiatry

Duration: 3-6 weeks or longer.

## Elective Experience

- Pharmacoeconomics, surgery, infectious disease, mental health/substance abuse, hematology/oncology, MICU, SICU, poison control, bone health, and physical medicine and rehabilitation

Elective rotations are offered in 4-week blocks. Some elective rotations may be offered at off-site locations at various Salt Lake City area medical centers.

## Greetings from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Salt Lake City Health Care System

The VA Salt Lake City Health Care System is a member of one of the world's largest integrated health care systems. We are a tertiary care hospital with 121 beds and proudly serve the Veterans from Utah, Idaho and Nevada.

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) has received numerous awards for our state of the art information technology systems. Our Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS) allows online access to a Veteran's medical record from anywhere in the hospital. The VHA was also one of the leaders in the use of physician order entry and barcode technology.

Salt Lake City is located between two mountain ranges, the Wasatch Mountains to the East and the Oquirrh to the West. World class skiing and snowboarding areas are easily accessible from Salt Lake City with nine ski resorts less than 45 minutes away. In addition to winter outdoor activities, Utah is a great place for hiking, biking, and mountain climbing, and is home to five National Parks. Salt Lake City is a growing metropolitan area with a population over one million and offers many indoor and cultural activities. In addition to professional sporting teams, the city hosts its own symphony and ballet. No matter what your taste in music or entertainment, you are likely to find something to suit you at one of the many indoor and outdoor music and

performance venues available around Salt Lake City. For more information visit:

<http://www.visitsaltlake.com/> and  
<http://www.utah.com>

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