



Richmond Veterans Affairs Medical Center PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency *in a Psychiatry Setting*

Richmond, Virginia

Program Description

Our residency is a one-year, full-time, ASHP-accredited program that provides four residents per year an intensive experience in delivering comprehensive pharmaceutical care to the veteran population.

We prepare the pharmacist clinician to obtain a position as a clinical pharmacy specialist, to begin a career in academia, or to continue residency training as a PGY-2 resident in a focused area of practice.



The Richmond VA Medical Center is a 400 bed tertiary referral medical center serving approximately 50,000 veterans annually. Our medical center is a teaching facility with an academic affiliation with VCU Medical Center and the Medical College of Virginia.

Psychiatry-Focused Rotations

- Academic Detailing
- Inpatient Psychiatry
- Outpatient Mental Health
- Pain Management
- Substance Use Disorder

Clinical Longitudinal Rotations

Anticoagulation Management Clinic
Pharmacotherapy Clinic

Required Rotations

- Orientation
- Drug Information
- Geriatrics
- Primary Care
- Pharmacy Management

Other Activities

Residency project
Staffing experiences
Teaching opportunities

This program is very similar to our traditional PGY-1 program. All of the electives have been designed for the resident who has a particular interest in psychiatry.

Progressive Practice Setting

- VA has a fully comprehensive electronic medical record
- Residents work under their pharmacy preceptors' scopes of practice and prescriptive authority
- Longitudinal rotations allow residents to see the benefits of continuity of care
- Residents gain experience in the clinical and didactic teaching of pharmacy students, including participation in the Teaching and Learning Certificate Program offered by the VCU School of Pharmacy
- Teaching and presentations—including clinical seminars, case conferences, and journal club discussions—are integrated into the program
- Public speaking opportunities provided through resident-led programming

Opportunities in Interprofessional Education

- Training in Motivational Interviewing
- Integrated patient education & group clinics
- Opportunity to extend training into a PGY-2 residency



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Resident Benefits

- Annual stipend (\$42,034 in 2018-2019)
- Extra income from staffing requirements
- Vacation time and sick leave accrue throughout the year
- Federal holidays
- Medical and life insurance
- Tuition and travel support to attend a residency conference in Spring 2020
- Administrative leave for other professional meetings



Qualification of Applicants

All applicants must be United States citizens, must be licensed pharmacists or eligible for licensure in at least one state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, and

must possess a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from a school or college of pharmacy accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education. If not licensed at the beginning of the residency, the resident will make arrangements for examination and licensure as soon as possible. Applicants must be in good physical and mental health and of good moral character and personality. They must possess the unique aptitude, initiative, and motivation to practice clinical pharmacy, especially in regard to direct patient care.

Richmond, the capital of Virginia, consistently ranks among "Best Places to Live and Work in America" in several national publications. While offering easy access to the ocean and mountains, Richmond features historic landmarks and neighborhoods, stylish shopping and restaurants, and a temperate climate that is suitable for year-round outdoor activities.

Application Procedure

- 1. Apply to our PGY1-Psychiatry program via PhORCAS by Friday, January 4, 2019.**

We prefer that your three reference writers are instructors who have observed you in clinical practice.

- 2. Applications will be reviewed, and on-site interviews will be extended to selected candidates.**
- 3. Candidates will be ranked and positions filled using the National Matching Service (NMS). Our NMS program code is 290621.**



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