Our residency program is an ASHP accredited one-year, full-time program that provides two residents with an intensive experience in delivering comprehensive pharmaceutical care to our veteran population within the specialty area of psychiatry.

Program Purpose
The purpose of the residency program is to transform the pharmacy resident from a generalist to a specialist within psychiatry. Our program will prepare the resident to successfully obtain a position as a psychiatric clinical pharmacy specialist in either inpatient or outpatient setting or begin a career in academia.

Longitudinal Rotations
Mental Health Primary Care Integration Team
Clinical Pharmacy Staffing
Residency Research Project

Focused Rotations
Inpatient Psychiatry
Substance Abuse Treatment
Mental Health Intensive Case Management
Bipolar PsychoEducation Clinic
Drug Information & Management
Pain Management
Psychiatric Consult and Liaison Service

Elective Rotations
Clozapine Clinic
Academic Detailing
Geriatric Psychiatry
Movement Disorders/PADREC
Polytrauma/TBI
Spinal Cord Injury
Depot Clinic

Progressive Practice Setting
- VA has a fully comprehensive electronic medical record
- Residents work under their pharmacy preceptors’ scopes of practice and prescriptive authority
- Medication Management clinics afford residents the opportunity to independently initiate, adjust and monitor patient drug regimens
- Longitudinal rotations allow residents to see the benefits of continuity of care in the treatment of psychiatric and neuropsychiatric disorders
- Residents gain experience in clinical and didactic teaching to pharmacy students, including optional participation in the Teaching and Learning Certificate Program offered by the VCU/MCV School of Pharmacy
- Teaching and presentations are integrated into the program, including clinical seminars, case conferences, journal club discussions
- Resident-led topic discussions and clinical seminars provide public speaking opportunities

Unique Opportunities in Inter-professional Education
- Specific training in motivational interviewing
- Approaches to collaborative and interdisciplinary treatment of co-managed patients
- Integrated patient education & motivational groups
- Case-based teaching in multidisciplinary forum

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Resident Benefits
- Annual stipend ($46,322 in 2019-2020)
- Extra income from staffing requirements
- Vacation time and sick leave accrue throughout the year
- Federal holidays
- Medical and life insurance
- Tuition and travel reimbursement to the Annual CPNP meeting

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.

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. 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.

Application Procedure

1. **Apply to our program via PhORCAS by Friday, January 3, 2020.**
   *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 680266.

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