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PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency

The PGY2 pharmacy residency program builds on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in specialized areas of practice. PGY2 residencies provide residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and incorporating both into the provision of patient care that improves medication therapy. Residents who successfully complete an accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency should possess competencies that qualify them for clinical pharmacist and/or faculty positions and position them to be eligible for attainment of board certification in the specialized practice area (when board certification for the practice area exists).

The Salem VA HCS PGY2 program is a PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency. The primary focus of this program is to develop a pharmacy practitioner with knowledge, skills, and abilities in psychiatric pharmacy who will be equipped to participate as a clinical pharmacy practitioner and be an integral member of an interdisciplinary team caring for individuals with psychiatric and neuropsychiatric disorders.

Culturally and socially responsive practice is integral to the mission of our residency program at the Salem VA HCS. We recognize the importance of acknowledging and supporting individual differences in our residents and believe that fostering a culturally rich and diverse training environment is essential for a strong residency program. We promote an awareness of, and sensitivity to, individual and cultural diversity across multiple settings during the residency experience.

**Required Training Activities:**

- Orientation (4 weeks)
- Evidenced Based Practice Clinic (EBP) (longitudinal year long 2 hours per week)
- Acute Psychiatry Inpatient Longitudinal (5 months)
- Memory Assessment Clinic (longitudinal year long, 1 hour per week during inpatient half of year and 5 hours per week during rest of year)
- Buprenorphine Clinic (longitudinal 4 months 1/2 day per week)
- Clozapine Clinic (longitudinal 4 months 1/2 day per week)
- Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI) (longitudinal 4 months 1/2 day per week)
- Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) (longitudinal year long, 2 hours per week)
- Research or Quality Improvement Project (longitudinal, year long)
- Medication Use Evaluation (longitudinal year long)
- Medication Event Reporting (longitudinal year long)
- Practice Management (longitudinal year long)
- Topic Discussion/Teaching (longitudinal year long)

**Elective Training Activities:**

- choice of 2 for 8 weeks total
  - Academic Detailing (4 weeks)
  - Pain Management (4 weeks)
  - Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (4 weeks)

**Benefits:**

- 13 vacation days (accrued)
- 13 sick days (accrued)
- 11 federal holidays
- Health-insurance available
- Free parking

The Salem VA Health Care System is nestled in the Blue Ridge mountains of Southwestern Virginia. The hospital is affiliated with the University of Virginia, Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, Carolin Clinic VTC Psychiatry Residency Program, and Lewis Gale Medical Center Residency Program. Pharmacy affiliations are with Virginia Commonwealth University-Medical College of Virginia, Shenandoah University, and Appalachian College of Pharmacy. Salem VAMC is designated as a center of excellence in our Veteran Integrated Service Network (VISN) for psychiatry.