The VA Puget Sound Health Care System (VAPSHCS) is a 421-bed acute care center that provides tertiary care for veterans in Western Washington. Services are also provided to veterans referred from Alaska, Eastern Washington, & Northern Idaho. The VA is affiliated with the University of Washington and has 37 allied health training programs (medicine, pharmacy, nursing, etc.). Inpatient and outpatient services include medicine, dialysis, surgery, substance abuse, spinal cord injury, and bone marrow transplant. VAPSHCS has the 6th largest research program in the Department of Veterans Affairs with over 580 active research projects and $38 million average research expenditures.
Program Overview

About the Rotation Sites
- Two divisions:
  - Seattle (Beacon Hill)
  - American Lake (Outside Tacoma)
- Large 1A tertiary care teaching hospital
- First VA bone marrow transplant center
- One of seven legend sites for Center of Excellence in Primary Care Education
- Regional spinal cord injury center

Program Structure
- 12-month PGY1 pharmacy practice residency
- Cohort experience with seven residents
- Balanced inpatient & outpatient experience
- Paid hourly staffing with dual appointment
- Prescribing under clinical scope of practice
- Teaching & precepting opportunities:
  - University of Washington’s Teaching Certificate in Pharmacy Education
  - Precept fourth-year PharmD students

Core Rotations
- Acute Care Rotations:
  - Bone marrow transplant unit
  - General internal medicine
  - Surgical or medical intensive care
  - Oncology
- Ambulatory Care Rotations:
  - Primary care clinic (Seattle)
  - Center of Excellence in Primary Care Education (COE)
- Pharmacy practice management
- Outpatient pharmacy

Elective Rotations
- Academic detailing (Regional)
- Antimicrobial stewardship
- Home based primary care (Magnolia)
- Primary care clinic (American Lake)
- Spinal cord injury

Additional Activities
- Twelve hourly paid staffing weekends
- ASHP & Western States project
- Three 4-month longitudinal electives

Longitudinal Electives
- Ambulatory care clinic administration
- Anticoagulation clinic
- Cardiology clinic
- Geriatric PACT clinic
- Hepatology clinic
- Pharmacy practice administration
- Renal clinic

How to Apply

Qualifications
- Standard applicant requirements:
  - United States citizenship
  - Doctor of Pharmacy degree
  - Eventual licensure in ANY state
  - On-site interview in Seattle
  - Participate in the ASHP Residency Matching Program (natmatch.com/ashprmp)

How to Apply
Applications are accepted through the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS) system.
- Standard application should include:
  - Verified academic transcripts
  - Letter of intent
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Three letters of recommendation via PhORCAS (one must be written by a pharmacy faculty member)
  - Completed Application for Health Professions Trainees (VA Form 10-2850d)

Application Deadline
Monday, December 31st, 2018

“Serving those who served us.”

Historic American Lake Division (Tacoma)

New Mental Health & Research Building (Seattle)