The VA Puget Sound Health Care System (VAPSHCS) is a 291-bed acute hospital 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.

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**Program Overview**

**About the Facility**
- Two divisions:
  - Seattle (Beacon Hill)
  - American Lake (Outside Tacoma)
- Several Community-Based Outpatient Clinics throughout the Puget Sound area
- Large 1A tertiary care teaching hospital
- First VA bone marrow transplant center
- A legacy site for national Center of Excellence in Primary Care Education (COE) program

**Program Structure**
- 12-month PGY2 HSPAL residency
- Paid hourly staffing with dual appointment (in addition to residency stipend)
- Mix of block and longitudinal rotations
- Opportunities to precept project-based learning experiences for PGY1 pharmacy residents (extent is subject to personal interest)

**Benefits**
- Competitive resident stipend
- Dual appointment salary
- Healthcare, vision, & dental benefits
- 13 accrued vacation days
- 13 accrued sick leave days
- Office space
- On-site parking & nearby transit access

**Rotations**

**Block Rotations (vary in length)**
- Orientation
- Operational management (inpatient and outpatient)
- Pharmacoeconomics
- Medication safety
- Inpatient clinical management
- Ambulatory care clinical management
- Budget and finance

**Longitudinal Rotations**
- Formulary management
- Residency program development
- HR/Leadership
- Inpatient operational management (part of weekend staffing)

**Additional Activities**
- Staffing weekends in inpatient pharmacy
- Longitudinal residency project
- Facilitate PN&T Committee
- Precept various PGY1 projects, such as:
  - Local criteria for use development
  - Medication use evaluation
  - Involvement in facility- and service line-wide clinical and operational initiatives, accreditation, and regulatory compliance, such as:
    - Accreditation by ASHP and The Joint Commission
    - Updating policies
    - Development of new and improvement of existing clinical services
    - Monitoring operational and clinical workload and outcomes, and developing improvements based on needs assessment

**How to Apply**

**Qualifications**
- Standard applicant requirements:
  - United States citizenship
  - Completion of PGY1 pharmacy residency
  - Doctor of Pharmacy degree
  - Pharmacist licensure in any US state
  - Participation in interview process
  - Participation in the ASHP Residency Matching Program

**How to Apply**
Applications are accepted through the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS) system.

- Standard application should include:
  1. Verified academic transcripts
  2. Letter of intent
  3. Curriculum vitae
  4. Three letters of recommendation via PhORCAS

- One must be from PGY1 residency program director
- Two must be from the PGY1 residency site (such as preceptors)

**Application Deadline**
Sunday, January 2nd, 2022

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