VA Puget Sound Health Care System

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 & has 37 allied health training programs (including medicine, pharmacy, nursing, & more). Inpatient & outpatient services include medicine, dialysis, surgery, substance abuse, spinal cord injury, & bone marrow transplant. The VAPSHCS receives $38 million in research funding for biomedical, gerontological, rehabilitation, & health systems research.

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PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency

Established 1976

Accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists
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

Benefits
- Competitive resident stipend
- Healthcare, vision, & dental benefits
- Individual office space (with Mt. Rainier views)
- On-site parking & nearby transit access
- 24-hour gym access & duty-free store

Rotations

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

Elective Rotations
- Antimicrobial stewardship
- Home based primary care
- Mental health
- Primary care clinic (American Lake)
- Spinal cord injury

Longitudinal Experiences
- Twelve hourly paid staffing weekends
- ASHP & Western States research project
- Two 6-month longitudinal clinics

Longitudinal Clinics
- Cardiology clinic
- Nephrology clinic
- Hepatology clinic
- Women’s Health clinic
- Oral Oncology clinic
- Ambulatory care clinic administration
- Geriatric PACT 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/ashprrmp)

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 (Please include at least one reference from academic faculty)
  - Completed Application for Associated Health Occupations (VA Form 10-2850d)

Application Deadline
Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018

“Serving those who served us.”

Historic American Lake Division (Tacoma)

New Mental Health & Research Building (Seattle)