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.
About the Rotation Sites

- Two divisions:
  - Seattle (Beacon Hill)
  - American Lake (Outside Tacoma)
- Other sites in Puget Sound:
  - Fort Lawton (Magnolia neighborhood)
- 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

Program Structure

- 12-month PGY1 pharmacy 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
  - Educational assistant for University of Washington classes or labs

Core Rotations

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

Elective Rotations

- Academic detailing (Regional)
- Antimicrobial stewardship
- Home based primary care (Magnolia)
- Primary care clinic (American Låke)
- More in development

Longitudinal Electives

- Ambulatory care clinic administration
- Pharmacy practice & formulary management
- Anticoagulation clinic
- Cardiology clinic
- Geriatric PACT clinic
- Renal clinic
- Women’s health clinic
- Population health
- Academic detailing

Benefits

- Competitive resident stipend
- Dual appointment salary
- Healthcare, vision, & dental benefits
- 13 accrued vacation days
- 13 accrued sick leave days
- Individual office space with Mt. Rainier views
- On-site parking & nearby transit access
- 24-hour gym access & duty-free store

Additional Activities

- Staffing weekends in both inpatient and outpatient experiences
- ASHP & Western States project
- CE presentation & Drug Class Review

“Serving those who served us.”

Qualifications

- Standard applicant requirements:
  - United States citizenship
  - Doctor of Pharmacy degree
  - Eventual licensure in ANY state within 90 days of start of residency
  - On-site interview in Seattle
  - Participate 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:
  - Verified academic transcripts
  - Letter of intent
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Three letters of recommendation via PhORCAS
  - Completed VA Application for Health Professions Trainees (Form 10-2850d)

Application Deadline

Tuesday, December 31st, 2019