



**Fayetteville**  
ARKANSAS

Fayetteville is nestled in the heart of the Ozark Mountains. The area has four distinct seasons and is an outdoor paradise for hiking, fishing, rafting, and water sports. Fayetteville is the home of the University of Arkansas with the nationally recognized Arkansas Razorbacks. The University affords the community with a college and diverse cultural atmosphere. Walton Arts Center is a hub of cultural activities. The area is home to several fortune 500 companies including Wal-Mart headquarters, Tyson Foods, and J.B. Hunt Transport. Northwest Arkansas enjoys a low unemployment rate and a low crime rate. The Fayetteville public school system is excellent. Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport has direct flights to Los Angeles, New York City, Chicago, Houston, and Denver.



### Where is Fayetteville, Arkansas?

Fayetteville is located in the Northwest corner of Arkansas, approximately:

- 4 hours from Kansas City
- 3 hours from either Little Rock, AR or Oklahoma City, OK
- 2.5 hours from Springfield, MO
- 2 hours from either Tulsa, OK or Branson, MO



### Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks

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# VHSO

Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks

Post-Graduate Year 1 (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency Program

Fayetteville, AR



### For more information

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## Facility Information

VHSO is a 58-operating bed facility with general medicine, surgical, intensive care and mental health beds available. Our Primary Care Clinics serve approximately 55,000 Veterans through our main campus, in Fayetteville, and our seven other Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC).

## VA Mission

“Honor America’s Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being.”



## Residency Description

- Post-graduate year one residency
- ASHP Accredited
- Two 12-month positions available
- Competitive salary
- Staffing: Every other weekend (one 8-hour shift)
- Teaching Certification Program through the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy (required)



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## Learning Experiences

### Six-Week

- Acute Care
- Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC)
- Mental Health
- Orientation
- Patient-Aligned Care Team (PACT)
- 1 Required Selective Learning Experience
  - ◊ Initial learning experience in Oncology, or an additional learning experience in Acute Care, Mental Health, or PACT.

### Longitudinal

- Drug Information
- Education
- Evaluation of Medication Use Systems
- Management
- Resident Project
- Staffing

### Elective

- Select either 2 six-week or 3 month-long elective learning experiences. Some options include:
  - ◊ Hepatology Clinic
  - ◊ Academic Detailing
  - ◊ Substance-Use Disorder
  - ◊ Drug Information/Scientific Writing
  - ◊ Others as requested by the Resident

## Benefits

- Paid administrative leave to attend local, state, and national pharmacy conferences.
- Rotation flexibility and diversity
- Vacation and sick leave that accrue over 12-months
- Health insurance
- Office space with computer
- Scrubs and professional lab coats provided

## Qualifications

- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an accredited school or college of pharmacy
- Eligible for pharmacist licensure in any state
- U.S. Citizenship is required

## How to Apply

- Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS)
  - ◊ [www.ashp.org/phorcas](http://www.ashp.org/phorcas)
  - ◊ <https://portal.phorcas.org>
- Submit the following using PhORCAS:
  - ◊ Current C.V.
  - ◊ Official copy of college of pharmacy transcript
  - ◊ Three letters of recommendation (PhORCAS template)
  - ◊ Essay response to predefined questions
- Application deadline: December 31st
  - ◊ Interviews required in January and February

## For More Information:

⇒ **Contact the RPD regarding opportunities for a video conference session with the RPD and current Residents during the month of December.**

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