

# Post Graduate Year 2 PGY2 Oncology

## Pharmacy Residency PROGRAM



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### Applicant Qualifications

- United States citizenship
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an American Council on Pharmaceutical Education accredited school of pharmacy
- Completed or be in the process of completing an ASHP accredited PGY1 residency
- Pharmacist licensure in any state in the United States of America
- National Matching Service and Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS) registration
- *Please refer to the Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) requirements of Health Professions Trainees (HPTs): [Resources for Health Professions Trainees Coming to VA](#) | [Eligibility and Forms - Office of Academic Affiliations](#)*

**All application materials are due by January 2nd, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.**

The SAVAHCS PGY2 Oncology Residency program participates in the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS).

Please refer to SAVAHCS PGY2 Oncology listing on the ASHP website for details regarding PhORCAS. Incomplete applications are not considered for review.

Materials submitted by the candidate are subject to textual similarity review for detection of plagiarism.

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**SAVAHCS PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency participates in Early Commitment**

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## The Health Care System and Services

The Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System (SAVAHCS) has provided comprehensive, world class health care to Veterans for over 90 years. SAVAHCS is an integrated Veterans Affairs health care system consisting of an over 250-bed hospital, multiple primary care and specialty clinics, two urban community outpatient clinics, and five community outpatient clinics in Tucson's outlying areas, serving over 60,000 Veterans annually.

A wide range of inpatient and ambulatory care services are provided in the medical center including acute care medicine, primary care, surgery, neurology, infectious diseases, nephrology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, rheumatology, pulmonary, cardiology, oncology, mental health, and emergency medicine. SAVAHCS is a cardiac referral center for the Southwest Region. The Pharmacy Service is a technology and patient safety leader assisted by the extensive use of robotics and automation.

SAVAHCS has a strong affiliation with the University of Arizona allied healthcare profession programs. Students and residents from many disciplines, including pharmacy students from several schools of pharmacy, are trained at SAVAHCS each year.

The SAVAHCS Pharmacy Service provides progressive clinical services to the medical center with approximately 130 pharmacy staff members, including more than 61 Clinical Pharmacist Practitioners in a variety of practice settings.

At SAVAHCS, we are committed to fostering and sustaining an environment that promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion in our pharmacy service. We embrace our differences as individuals and unite as a pharmacy team with a common goal: deliver safe, optimal, patient-centered care for our nation's Veterans.

## PGY2 Oncology Program Purpose

PGY2 residency programs build upon Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency training to develop pharmacist practitioners with knowledge, skills, and abilities as defined in the educational competency areas, goals, and objectives for advanced practice areas. Residents who successfully complete PGY2 residency programs are prepared for advanced patient care or other specialized positions, and board certification in the advanced practice area, if available.

### Program Description

The oncology pharmacy residency program is a 52-week period of education and experiences that focuses on oncology pharmacy practice and is designed to provide ongoing clinical pharmacy activities while promoting the resident's needs. The program provides the resident with clinical experiences in a variety of patients with oncology diagnoses. The resident works with physicians, nurse practitioners, and nurses in providing quality pharmaceutical services to patients and their families. During the year, the PGY2 resident gives presentations, such as patient management conferences, in-services to nurses and physicians, journal clubs, and an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredited one hour continuing education presentation. A residency project is required including presentation of the completed project at a regional or national meeting. The resident is involved in the teaching/precepting of pharmacy students and PGY1 pharmacy residents in oncology pharmacy electives at SAVAHCS.

### Benefits

The residency stipend is \$52,384 and includes full federal healthcare benefits. Residents accumulate 13 days of paid vacation time, 13 days of paid sick time, and have 11 paid Federal holidays per year.



### Typical Resident Schedule (Core Experiences)

July: Orientation  
August-Sept: Outpatient Oncology #1  
October: Hem/Onc Consult Service #1  
November: BMT<sup>1</sup>  
December: Gyn/Onc (virtual), Research/CE  
January: Elective<sup>2</sup>  
February: Hospice/Palliative Care  
March: Hem/Onc Consult Service #2  
April: Elective<sup>2</sup>  
May-June: Outpatient Oncology #2

**Extended Experiences:** provider newsletter, patient newsletter, oncology staffing, MUE, PBM experience, inpatient oncology, management conference, journal club, oncology investigational research

**Longitudinal Experiences:** oral antineoplastic clinic, ADR reporting, residency project, oncology pharmacy administration, teaching/education.

**<sup>1</sup>BMT (off-site) offered at:** VA Tennessee Valley Medical Center (Nashville, TN), VA Puget Sound Health Care System (Seattle, WA).

Note: all costs are paid by the resident (financial assistance may be available)

**<sup>2</sup>Elective options include:** oral anti-neoplastic clinic, academia, informatics, hematology, ID, mental health, may repeat area of interest, and other electives can be selected based on resident interest.