

Applications must be completed through the PhORCAS Service and are due **January 8, 2024**.

The following should be included in the application:

1. **Essay** (this replaces a formal letter of intent)
Answer ONE of the following in 500 words or less:
	1. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
	2. What have you experienced personally or professionally related to learning about backgrounds and ideas that are different from yours? If you haven’t had the opportunity for this experience, what would you hope to learn?
	3. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

2. **Curriculum Vitae**, which should include:

1. Pertinent education experiences, including brief descriptions of APPEs, clinical activities, and projects/presentations.
2. Work experiences with a description of hours worked during the summer and/or school year.
3. Extra-curricular activities, membership and/or leadership in professional organizations, publications, and research in which you have participated.

3. **Recommendations/References**

* 1. Three completed PhORCAS Reference forms are required.

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Application Process

As part of the dedication to growth of the pharmacy profession and education of future pharmacists, the Phoenix VA is excited to have PGY2 opportunities in development!

We look forward to offering in the future:

**PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy**

Residents will expand and strengthen their skills in direct patient care and management of chronic illnesses. Prepare for a position as a Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner in an outpatient clinic!

**PGY2 Pharmacy Informatics**

Residents will apply their clinical knowledge and skills to pharmacy informatics systems. A variety of experiences and applications are available in informatics at the Phoenix VA!

**PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy**

Residents will further develop and refine their clinical skills with a focused residency providing direct patient care in areas such as inpatient mental health, outpatient mental health, substance use disorder, and pain management.

PGY2 Future Opportunities

**Diversity at the Phoenix VA!**

The Phoenix Veterans Affairs Health Care System (PVAHCS) pharmacy residency programs commit to promote resident diversity. We strive to ensure that every resident knows they belong and feels they are appreciated and supported. We believe that recruiting, supporting, and promoting a diverse resident and preceptor workforce improves education and clinical decision-making. We commit to be intentionally inclusive in the culture and curriculum offered to the residents. We believe that a diverse workforce will better serve the needs of our Veteran community.

Please visit the PhORCAS portal or our Web site for information about the required application and recommendation materials:

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Pharmacy Residency Training

PGY1 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, eligible for board certification, and eligible for postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency training.

The PGY1 Pharmacy residency program is designed to prepare pharmacists with the pharmacotherapy skills to provide comprehensive medication management services in a variety of acute and ambulatory patient care settings. Required rotational experiences include internal medicine, primary care, geriatrics, mental health, administration, and anticoagulation.

Integrated activities for professional growth include presentations, residency project, journal club, and completion of a drug use evaluation and monograph.

Residents may develop individual interests in a number of elective rotations including oncology, substance use disorder, pain management, women’s health, emergency medicine, informatics, academia, critical care, and infectious diseases.

The program is highly flexible and allows individual growth based on personal motivation and ability. Teaching and precepting opportunities are also available at the resident’s interest.

PGY1 Pharmacy

NMS Code: 145513

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The Phoenix VA Health Care System (PVAHCS) is an integrated Veteran’s Affairs health care system consisting of over 230 inpatient beds and 9 community based outpatient clinics serving over 100,000 Veterans annually.

A diverse range of rotation opportunities, interdisciplinary care teams, education oriented practice, and hands-on learning is our investment in your pharmacy training.

A growing team of more than 60 clinical pharmacist practitioners at PVAHCS provides direct patient care in the areas of primary care, acute care, mental health, medical/surgical specialty, pain, emergency medicine, infectious diseases, critical care, anticoagulation, women’s health, substance use disorder, and geriatrics.

At the PVAHCS, a diverse group of pharmacy residents enjoy being integrated members of multidisciplinary teams.

Additional residency benefits include:

* 11 paid federal holidays and 13 vacation days
* Paid sick leave
* 13 vacation days
* Travel support for national conference
* Time in federal service for benefits
* Opportunity to participate in early commitment process at VA PGY2 programs nationwide

Qualifications for the program include:

* United States citizenship
* Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE accredited school
* Pharmacist licensure in any US State
* National Matching Service registration

# Phoenix VA Residency Program Overview

# Benefits & Qualifications

Please visit the PhORCAS portal or our Web site for information about the required application and recommendation materials:

*http://www.ashp.org/phorcas*

*https://www.va.gov/phoenix-health-care/work-with-us/internships-and-fellowships/pharmacy-residency-programs/*