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Phoenix VA Health Care System Pharmacy Residency Training

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PGY1 Pharmacy

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Program Overview Benefits & Qualifications

The Phoenix VA Healthcare System (PVAHCS) consists 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.

Additional residency benefits include:

- 11 paid federal holidays, 13 vacation days, & paid sick leave
- Travel support for national conference
- Time in federal service for benefits
- Opportunity for early commitment 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

PGY1 pharmacy residency programs build on 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 PGY2 pharmacy residency training.

Diversity at the Phoenix VA!

The Phoenix Veterans Affairs Health Care System 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.

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.

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

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

Applications must be completed through the PhORCAS Service and are due **January 6, 2025**.

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:
 - a. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
 - b. 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?
 - c. 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:
 - a. Pertinent education experiences, including brief descriptions of APPEs, clinical activities, and projects/presentations.
 - b. Work experiences with a description of hours worked during the summer and/or school year.
 - c. Extra-curricular activities, membership and/or leadership in professional organizations, publications, and research in which you have participated.
3. **Recommendations/References**
 - a. Three completed PhORCAS Reference forms are required.