



VA Central California Health Care System

PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency



Learning Experiences

Core Experiences:

5 weeks each

- Adult Inpatient Psychiatry I & II (Acute Care)
- Mental Health Outpatient Clinic I & II (Ambulatory Care)
- Substance Use Disorders Clinic I & II (Ambulatory Care)

Selected Experiences:

5 weeks each, minimum of one

- Consultation Liaison & Emergency Psychiatry
- Geriatric Psychiatry
- Pain Management

Elective Experiences:

5 weeks each, 2 electives

- Academic Detailing
- Administration
- Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI)
- Pharmacogenomics

Longitudinal Experiences:

Year-long, starting after orientation

- Ambulatory Care[†]
- Major Project
- Practice Management and Leadership Development
- VA Teaching & Precepting Certificate (Optional)

[†]Longitudinal Clinic Opportunities:
Benzodiazepine Taper, Clozapine,
Nightmares, Smoking Cessation

Residency Program Overview

The Postgraduate Year Two Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program places an emphasis on psychiatric and substance-related care in the California Central Valley. Residents will serve the Veteran population in both ambulatory and acute mental health care settings. Experiences are also provided in leadership, practice management, and teaching. Residents participate in formulary and medication-use management, medication safety, performance improvement, and providing education to patients and health professionals. VA offers a progressive training environment where pharmacists with a scope of practice may prescribe medications, order laboratory and diagnostic tests, and place consults to other services. The health care system is a teaching facility and is affiliated with higher education institutions including University of California, San Francisco and University of the Pacific.

About VACCHCS

Veterans Affairs Central California Health Care System (VACCHCS), located in Fresno, CA, serves over 40,000 veterans in the San Joaquin Valley. VA Fresno Medical Center is a 63-bed acute care, general medical, and surgical center with state-of-the-art primary, secondary, and tertiary care in major diagnostic and treatment specializations. A 60-bed Community Living Center (CLC) is located on campus and provides skilled nursing and rehabilitation care. VACCHCS has three Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) located in Merced, Oakhurst, and Visalia. The main facility is in the heart of CA, known as California's Year-Round Playground due to having over 300 sunny days per year. Fresno is the fifth largest city in CA and is the world's most productive agricultural region. It is situated near three National Parks, offering the perks of a big city alongside beautiful natural scenery.

Residency Program Benefits

- Competitive annual stipend
- Education and travel allowances as approved
- 13 days vacation, 13 days sick leave, and 11 Federal holidays
- Federal health, dental, vision benefits and life insurance available
- Ability to practice with a pharmacist license from any state
- Growth opportunities at local, regional, and national levels



Application Process

Qualification Requirements:

- United States Citizen
- Graduate of an ACPE-accredited school or college of pharmacy
- In process or completed PGY1 residency
- Registered with ASHP Resident Matching Program

Application through PhORCAS*

- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- Official pharmacy transcripts
- At least two letters of recommendation:
 - One letter must be from your PGY1 Residency Program Director

*We also participate in VA Nationwide Early Commitment (VANEC) – apply by November 11th (please email for more information)

Application Deadline January 3rd

Interview:

- An interview (in-person or virtual) is required and takes place in February

Program Contact Information

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