

# SAN FRANCISCO VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

## PGY1 PHARMACY RESIDENCIES



### ➤ PGY1 PHARMACY RESIDENCY | NMS CODE 188313

Four positions are reserved each year for residents who desire experience in a variety of acute care and ambulatory care clinical settings. Residents participate in a core program which provides a concentrated clinical, teaching, and administrative experience with experienced, individualized preceptorship.

### ➤ PGY1 PHARMACY RESIDENCY WITH AMBULATORY CARE ELECTIVES | NMS CODE 188321

Two positions are reserved each year for residents who desire more experience in the ambulatory care setting. Residents choosing ambulatory care electives will complete the same core, required rotations as other PGY1 pharmacy residents at SFVAHCS but will also complete a 12 week longitudinal experience in additional ambulatory care clinics in lieu of other elective rotations. Possible ambulatory care clinics include:

- Anticoagulation Clinic
- Epilepsy Clinic
- Geriatrics Clinic
- Home Based Primary Care
- Infectious Diseases Clinic
- Liver Clinic
- PADRECC (includes Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders)
- Pain Management
- Substance Use Disorder Clinic

### ➤ PGY1 PHARMACY RESIDENCY WITH GERIATRICS ELECTIVES | NMS CODE 188322

One position is reserved each year for a resident who desires more experience in Geriatrics. The resident choosing Geriatrics electives will complete the same core, required rotations as other PGY1 pharmacy residents at SFVAHCS but will also complete 12 weeks in Geriatric rotations in lieu of other elective rotations. Geriatric elective rotations include:

- Geriatric Medicine (CLC)
- Geriatrics Clinics (includes weekly time in Geriatric Clinic, PADRECC, Home Based Primary Care, Epilepsy Clinic)

## OVERVIEW

The ASHP-accredited Postgraduate Year One (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency Programs at San Francisco VA Health Care System (SFVAHCS) provide residents with broad practice foundation concentrating on clinical and teaching experience. The programs require a 52-week commitment to training and are customized to the individual needs of the resident. Significant professional experience in health-system pharmacy practice will be gained during this program.

The goal of the PGY1 residency programs at the SFVAHCS is to train practitioners to utilize their accumulated experiences and knowledge to improve patients' drug therapy and to excel in their future professional endeavors. The resident will gain experience in a variety of areas, including ambulatory care, acute care, formulary management and operations.

## Application Requirements

- United States citizen
- Earned Doctor of Pharmacy from accredited college of pharmacy
- Must submit application materials through PhORCAS

## Application Materials | PhORCAS

- **Official college of pharmacy transcript**
- **Letter of intent** (no longer than 2 pages, minimum 11 font and 1 inch margins) should address:
  1. Why you are interested in our residency program(s)
  2. Both short-term and long-term goals
  3. A significant challenge that you encountered in your academic, personal or professional career to date and
  4. A success you've seen in either a clinical or educational setting welcoming diversity and/or inclusion and upholding equity
- **Current curriculum vitae** should include details of rotation activities, including future rotations, and any teaching or community service activities.
- **At least 3 letters of recommendation**- at least one letter must be from a preceptor with whom you have had a clinical rotation.

## Application deadline: January 2, 2025

*You will need to apply separately to the PGY1 pharmacy residency programs*

## Appointment of Applicants

Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of a physical exam, including negative drug test. Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment and must hold U.S. citizenship. Residents must obtain pharmacist licensure by October 31st of the residency year. This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

### REQUIRED ROTATIONS

- Foundations in Practice - Orientation/Training
- Internal Medicine
- Ambulatory Care Clinics
- Chief Resident/Formulary Management/Intro to Medication Safety
- Inpatient Operations (Unit Dose, Discharge and IV Additives)

### REQUIRED LONGITUDINAL ROTATIONS

- Inpatient and Discharge Pharmacy Staffing
- PGY1 Teaching Certificate
- Drug Regimen Reviews
- Residency Project
- EdPACT

### ELECTIVE ROTATIONS

- Advanced Medicine
- Advanced PACT
- Critical Care
- Emergency Medical Response/Simulation – Code Blue & Acute Stroke (3 weeks; scheduled simultaneous to an acute care learning experience)
- Geriatric Medicine (CLC)
- Harm Reduction and Syringe Services Program
- Hepatology & Infectious Diseases (Outpatient)
- Home Based Primary Care
- Hospice & Palliative Care
- Infectious Disease Consult Service and Antibiotic Stewardship
- Inpatient Anticoagulation Consult Service
- Medication Safety
- Oncology (Infusion Center and Inpatient Consult Service)
- PACT (Layered Learning)
- Pain Management
- Pharmacy Administration
- Substance Use Disorder Clinic
- Surgery

### RESIDENCY PROJECT

All PGY1 Residents participate in lean process improvement (Yellow Belt) training as part of their longitudinal quality improvement residency project. Certification is available.

### Benefits

- ✓ Salary: \$59,385
- ✓ 11 paid federal holidays
- ✓ 13 days of annual leave
- ✓ 13 days of sick leave
- ✓ Health insurance (optional)
- ✓ Early commitment option for PGY2 Pain Management & Palliative Care Residency
- ✓ Remote access
- ✓ Registration cost reimbursement for:
  - ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
  - Western States Conference (WSC) – required
- ✓ Potential for 3 certificates:
  - Residency
  - Teaching
  - Yellow Belt
- ✓ Views of the Golden Gate Bridge and Pacific Ocean!

### TEACHING CERTIFICATE

Residents will participate in a longitudinal teaching certificate program. The program includes preceptor development conferences, presentations, and development of a teaching philosophy. Residents will serve as primary preceptors for IPPE students.

### EDUCATION IN PATIENT ALIGNED CARE TEAMS (EDPACT)

All PGY1 residents actively participate in the EdPACT program (approximately 20% of time over the year), which promotes a patient-centered, interprofessional learning environment. Residents engage with other trainees in team activities which include:

- Weekly team huddles
- Population health management
- Collaborative case conferences
- Quality improvement initiatives
- Retreats and social activities

### STAFFING

For the longitudinal staffing experience, residents will work one 8 hour weekend shift every 3 weekends and one 3.5 hour evening shift every 7 weekdays. Residents will work one non-major holiday during the residency year and two 8 hour shifts in late December.

### DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

SFVAHCS is a leader in developing and sustaining a diverse, equitable, inclusive (DEI) and engaged workforce. Our DEI mission is to embrace and celebrate diversity in an inclusive community, where Veterans and employees are fully engaged and valued. Our DEI vision is an innovative and welcoming community grounded in respect, safety, and connection where Veterans receive unparalleled, individualized care and employees fulfill their greatest potential. The San Francisco VA Health Care System is recognized VA-wide for its innovation, collaboration and leadership in DEI as the first VA health care system to establish an Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:



<https://www.va.gov/san-francisco-health-care/work-with-us/internships-and-fellowships/pharmacy-residency-programs/>



<https://accreditation.ashp.org/directory/#/program/residency/programInfo/92410>



SFVAHCS Interactive Map

### SFVAHCS on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5TIhgMIHyW4>

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