

# HOW TO APPLY

## Application Requirements

### To apply you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a graduate of an ASHP-Accredited PGY1 Residency Program
- Be a licensed pharmacist in any state
- Adhere to the rules of the resident matching program process
- Be available for a virtual interview

Applicants must submit their application materials using PhORCAS, the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service. Mailed or emailed applications will NOT be accepted.



### Applications must include:

- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation using the standardized reference form in PhORCAS
- Official transcript

### Applications must be submitted by January 2nd



If you have any questions about the program or application requirements, please contact:

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# VA CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

## PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency



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# PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency at VA Connecticut

## FACILITY OVERVIEW



The VA Connecticut (VACT) Healthcare System serves more than 50,000 veterans who reside in Connecticut and Southern New England. VACT provides primary, secondary, and tertiary care in medicine, geriatrics, neurology, psychiatry, surgery, and other specialty

areas. As part of the VA New England Healthcare System, VACT is comprised of an inpatient facility in West Haven and two ambulatory care centers in West Haven and Newington, as well as six primary care Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) located in outlying areas of the state in Danbury, New London, Orange, Stamford, Waterbury, Willimantic, and Winsted. The West Haven Campus has a 150-bed hospital, providing acute medical, surgical, and psychiatric care. The Newington Campus is a center for ambulatory care and diagnostic procedures. The CBOC's provide Primary Care to veterans in outlying parts of the state. VACT conducts research in psychiatry, oncology, medicine, surgery, neurology, and related basic sciences.

Major affiliations include the Yale University School of Medicine, the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and School of Dentistry. VACT is also affiliated with the University of Connecticut (UConn), University of St. Joseph (USJ), Western New England University (WNEU), and the University of Rhode Island (URI) Schools of Pharmacy.

VACT currently has 6 PGY1 Pharmacy Residents, 1 PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident, and 1 PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident.



## ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The purpose of the PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency at VACT is to develop a pharmacy practitioner with the knowledge and skills necessary to manage the complex care needs for older individuals throughout the healthcare continuum. The primary focus of the residency is to provide training on geriatric pharmacy management principles. In addition, the resident will also gain experience in managing important functional, behavioral, and social determinants common in older adults. The pharmacy resident will train in a variety of settings including home based primary care, ambulatory care, acute care, and community living center. Upon completion of the PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency, the pharmacy resident will be qualified to become board certified in geriatric pharmacy and to practice independently as a geriatric pharmacist.

### General Information

- **Duration/Type:** 12 mo/residency
- **Number of Positions:** 1
- **Starting Date:** July 1
- **Estimated Stipend:** \$58,905
- **Interview Required:** Yes
- **Training Site Type:** VA Medical Center (inpatient and outpatient care)
- **Owner Affiliate:** Federal Government
- **Model Type(s):** Teaching
- **Patients Enrolled:** 50,000
- **Tax Status:** Nonprofit
- **Number of Medical Centers:** 1 hospital and 2 ambulatory care clinic sites, and 7 community-based clinics
- **Total Beds:** 150 (Average census: 120)

### Benefits

The residency program begins July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and ends June 30<sup>th</sup> of the subsequent year. VACT Healthcare System will hire the resident as a 1-year term employee entitled to the following benefits:

- Accrued annual leave (vacation) and sick leave
- Paid Federal holidays
- Health and Life Insurance: Pharmacy residents are eligible to participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefit (FEHB) and the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FGLI) Programs.

## RESIDENCY STRUCTURE

VACT has a diverse and highly trained clinical pharmacy staff, including multiple Board Certified Geriatric Pharmacists (BCGP). Clinical Pharmacist Practitioners (CPP) have a scope of practice that allows for prescriptive authority. The variety of geriatric opportunities will allow for a well rounded experience and can be targeted to the residents specific interests.

Required Orientation Rotations	
Orientation (length will be determined based on PGY1 experience)	1-2 weeks
Geriatric Consult Service Orientation	3 weeks
Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC) Orientation	3 weeks
Community Living Center Orientation	3 weeks

Required Longitudinal Rotations		
Inpatient Staffing	Two weekend days per month	12 months
Medication Use Evaluation (MUE)	No specific scheduled, recurring time, average time ~ 1 hour per week, varies throughout the rotation	6 months
Longitudinal Research Project	No specific scheduled, recurring time, average time ~ 1 hour per week, varies throughout the rotation	12 months
Professional Development	Encompasses expectations that are applicable to all residency rotations and activities, average time ~ 1 hour per month for meeting time and to complete evaluations associated with the rotation	12 months
Geriatric Consult service Longitudinal	Every Wednesday for the first 6 weeks then every Wednesday and Friday	11 months
Home-Based Primary Care Longitudinal	Every Tuesday for the first 5 months then every Thursday for the second 5 months	10 months
Community Living Center Longitudinal	Every Monday	10 months
Geropsychiatry	Every Tuesday during the first half of the year	5 months
Hospice/Palliative Care	Every Thursday during the second half of the year	5 months
Precepting	To occur concurrently with another rotation with scheduled trainee	2-4 weeks

Elective Rotations	
Elective learning experiences (either longitudinally or as block rotation) may be developed based on resident interest and preceptor availability.	