

HOW TO APPLY

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 an on-site 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 7th



Accredited

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

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VA CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency



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PGY2 Psychiatric 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, 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 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at VACT is to develop a pharmacy practitioner with the knowledge and skills to care for individuals with psychiatric and neurologic disorders. The pharmacy resident will train in a variety of settings, with a particular focus on outpatient mental health. Upon completion of the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency, the pharmacy resident will be qualified to become board certified in psychiatric pharmacy and to practice independently as a psychiatric pharmacist.

All of our former graduates have secured psychiatric pharmacy positions in various practice areas, including inpatient psychiatry, outpatient psychiatry, substance abuse, and academia.

General Information

- **Duration/Type:** 12 mo/residency
- **Number of Positions:** 1
- **Starting Date:** July 1
- **Estimated Stipend:** \$52,252
- **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 ambulatory care site, 1 hospital/ambulatory care site, and 6 community-based clinics
- **Total Beds:** 150 (Average census: 120)

Benefits

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

- 4 hours of accrued annual leave (vacation) and sick leave per pay period (every two weeks)
- 10 paid holidays
- Health and Life Insurance (80% of premium paid by employer) - a full range of health plans are available

RESIDENCY STRUCTURE

VACT has a diverse and highly trained clinical pharmacy staff, including 3 Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacists (BCPP). Clinical Pharmacy Specialists (CPS) at VACT have a scope of practice that allows for prescriptive authority. VACT has a variety of psychiatric opportunities that will allow for a well rounded experience for the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident, which can be targeted to meet the resident's specific goals and interests.

Required Rotations

- Orientation
- Inpatient Psychiatry I
- Outpatient Psychiatry
- Opioid Reassessment Clinic
- Geropsychiatry
- Benzodiazepine Deprescribing Clinic
- Emergency Psychiatry
- Substance Abuse
- Outpatient Staffing

Elective Rotations

- Inpatient Psychiatry II
- Treatment Resistant Depression
- Mental Health Intensive Case Management
- Neurology
- Chronic Pain Management

Other Longitudinal Experiences

- Teaching and Topic Discussions
- Professional Development
- Medication Use Evaluation
- Research

