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North Florida / South Georgia Veterans Health System

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program

At North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System (NF/SG VHS), we prepare postgraduate year one (PGY1) residents to step into clinical pharmacist roles where they are responsible for medication-related care for patients with a wide range of diseases and have the option of pursuing a postgraduate year two (PGY2) residency in a focused area. Our large medical system and program flexibility are assets to a resident that is looking to be well rounded or to prepare for a specific VA position following residency. We would love to meet you and talk more about how we can help you meet your clinical pharmacist goals after training in the sunshine state!



2024-2025 PGY1 Residents

Positions Available

- 6 Gainesville-focused positions
- 2 Lake City-focused positions

What's the difference?

Our PGY1 program offers the ability to focus your core internal medicine and primary care/PACT rotations at either our medical center in Gainesville, Florida or in Lake City, Florida. The medical center in Gainesville is a large teaching facility that offers the opportunity to work with University of Florida medical students and residents on internal medicine rotation. The medical center in Lake City is a smaller, non-teaching facility that offers a more intimate, small-town experience.

We suggest applying for both positions if you are interested in joining our NF/SG VHS team. All PGY1 positions have core rotations located in Gainesville, access to the same preceptors, and opportunities for early commitment to PGY2. There is no additional application cost to apply to both.

Appointment: 6/30/2025—6/29/2026

Estimated PGY1 Stipend: \$47,995

Benefits:

- 13 days of annual leave and 13 days of sick leave (earned at a rate of 4 hours every two weeks)
- 10 federal holidays
- Financial support for attendance at professional meetings
- Health insurance, including vision and dental
- Free parking
- Scrubs and polos

Application Information

Phase I Application Deadline: January 3rd, 2025

NMS Code for Gainesville: 217721

NMS Code for Lake City: 217713

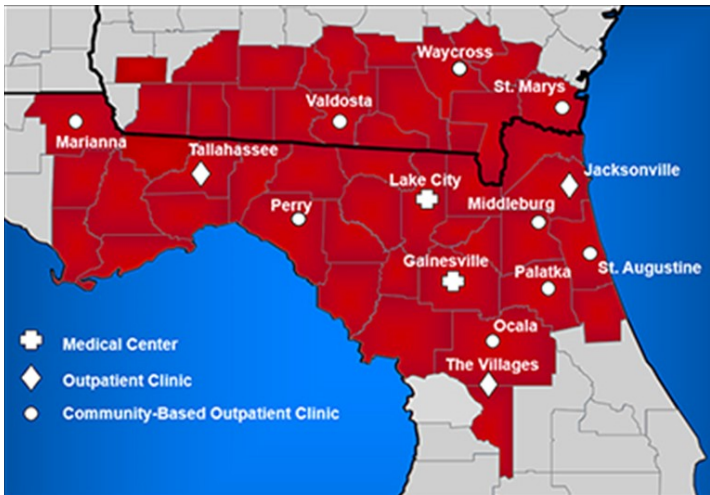
ASHP Accreditation Code: 33213

Application Details:

- Application available through PhORCAS
- No supplemental information required
- Must be a United States Citizen
- Must be licensed or eligible for licensure prior to starting

About North Florida/South Georgia VHS

The North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System (NF/SG VHS) is the largest VA health system in the country with clinics spanning 40,000 square miles. We offer primary health care services as well as highly specialized, technologically advanced clinical care.



Our system consists of two VA medical centers, in Gainesville and Lake City, and a collection of outpatient clinics and community-based outpatient clinics scattered throughout northern Florida and southern Georgia.

Specialty care provided by NF/SG VHS includes cardiology, hematology/oncology, nephrology, infectious diseases, pulmonary, surgery, neurology, psychiatry, substance use, long term care, palliative care, pain management, endocrinology, and others.

NF/SG VHS has been training pharmacy residents since 1985 with alumni currently scattered across the country in over 40 different VA systems and non-VA locations. We have a robust and diverse pharmacy team that is able to provide a wide variety of training opportunities. With a large pharmacy team, a wide network of alumni, and a group of 17 pharmacy trainees, you are sure to find the support and connection you need to be successful.

Pharmacist Training Opportunities

Type of Position	Number	Established
PGY1 Pharmacy Residency	8	1985
PGY2 Ambulatory Care	2	2012
PGY2 Critical Care	1	2007
PGY2 Health-System Administration & Leadership	1	2007
PGY2 Pain & Palliative Care	2	2008
PGY2 Psychiatry	2	2009
Fellowship (2-year position)	1	2008



2024-2025 Pharmacy Residents and Fellow

For more information about our pharmacy residency programs, visit our [website](#)

PGY1 Residency Structure and Requirements

Rotation Structure

Required Rotations:

- Orientation (4 weeks)
- Internal Medicine (6 weeks)
- Primary Care/PACT (6 weeks)
- Community Living Center (6 weeks)
- Anticoagulation (4 weeks)
- Pharmacy Administration (4 weeks)

Required to Choose One of the Following:

- Intensive care (4 weeks)
- Additional primary care rotation focused in a certain area or at a different PACT location (4 weeks)

Four Elective Rotations (4 weeks each)

- Elective opportunities include psychiatry, pain management, palliative care, infectious diseases, heart failure and cardiology, geriatrics, and oncology. Other opportunities may be available depending on preceptor availability.

Dedicated Project Time (2 weeks)

Teaching Opportunities

Required to complete one of the following teaching certificate programs:

- VA Pharmacy Residency Program Clinical Teaching Certificate Program
- University of Florida College of Pharmacy Teaching Certificate Program (participants serve as teaching assistants for skills lab; opportunities for lectures may not be available)

Additional requirements:

- Pharmacy Grand Rounds (CE presentation)
- Case presentation
- Journal club
- Interdisciplinary presentation
- Student Educational Conference participation

Projects and Longitudinal Activities

Research Project (flipped research model)

- For the first half of the year, residents will take over a project that has already been crafted and set up with IRB. Residents will complete data analysis, draw conclusions, and present results. For the second half of the year, residents will synthesize their own projects to pass along to the next year of residents.

Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Project

- Complete a medication use evaluation (MUE), cost or budget analysis, quality assurance, etc.

Pharmacy Administration Project

- Prepare a drug class review, drug monograph, treatment protocol, order set, etc. (this may be paired with the research project or quality assurance/quality improvement project)

Monthly Adverse Drug Event Reports

Longitudinal rotations may be available to allow flexibility in learning opportunities and/or prepare a resident to step into a specific position after residency.

Staffing

PGY1 residents are required to complete the Pharmacy Operations learning experience, which will take place during the first half of the residency year.

Hours expected during this experience:

- **One evening shift per week**
- **One weekend shift every other week**
- **One minor holiday (does not include Thanksgiving or Christmas)**

Shifts rotate through Gainesville inpatient pharmacy, Gainesville outpatient pharmacy, and Lake City inpatient pharmacy.

PGY1 residents may elect to continue staffing for the second half of the residency year and receive payment.



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