

Pain Management and Palliative Care Pharmacy Residency

Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2)



Pharmacy Service (119)

Program Description and Goal

The Veterans Affairs Healthcare System (VAHCS) in West Palm Beach offers **the FIRST** ASHP accredited PGY2 Pharmacy Residency in Pain Management and Palliative Care as a one year post PGY1 pharmacy residency program designed to provide the resident with advanced knowledge, expertise, common skills, and abilities required to provide pain management and palliative care. It also provides exposure to the development of pain related policies within the Department of Veterans Affairs ensuring safe opioid use. The ultimate goal of the program is to enhance the resident's competence and skills as a productive member of the interdisciplinary health care team in the areas of chronic pain management, substance use disorder, hospice/palliative care, acute pain management, pain stewardship and upon graduation obtain a pain and/or palliative care clinical pharmacist practitioner position.

Required Longitudinal Learning Experiences

- Chronic Pain Outpatient Clinic (6 months, 8 hours per week)
- Interprofessional Hospice and Palliative Care (6 months, 8 hours per week)
- Program Administration (12 months, 2 hours per week)
- Residency Project (12 months, 2-4 weeks ungraded + 2 hours per week)

Required Learning Experiences

- Acute Pain Management and Opioid Stewardship (5 weeks)
- Chronic Pain Clinic Level I (4 weeks)
- Chronic Pain Clinic Level II (4 weeks)
- Hospice and Palliative Care Level I (4 weeks)
- Hospice and Palliative Care Level II (4 weeks)
- Orientation (2-3 weeks)
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R) and Pain eConsult (4 weeks)
- Substance Use Disorder & Psychiatry (4 weeks)

Interdisciplinary Team

The program consists of an interdisciplinary team which includes the following:

- Acupuncturists
- Anesthesiologists
- Chaplains
- Chiropractor
- Nurse Practitioners
- Nursing Personnel
- Pain Psychologists
- Pharmacists
- Physiatrists
- Physical and Occupational Therapists
- Physician Assistant
- Physicians
- Social Workers

Seminars & Conferences**

- Pain or palliative care specialty meeting
- ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
- West Palm Beach VAHCS Pharmacy Update and Residency Forum

**meeting/conference registration cannot be guaranteed and is only available depending on funding availability

Elective Learning Experiences

- Academia at Nova Southeastern University (4 weeks)
- Chronic Pain Clinic Level III (4 weeks)
- Emergency Department (4 weeks)
- Heart Failure and Pulmonary Care (2-4 weeks)
- Hematology/Oncology and Malignant Pain (4-6 weeks)
- Hematology/Oncology at Orlando VAHCS (2-4 weeks)**
- Home Based Primary Care (4 weeks)
- Hospice and Palliative Care Level III (4 weeks)
- Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (4 weeks)
- Neurology at Orlando VAHCS (2-4 weeks)**
- Primary Care and Perioperative Pain (4 weeks)
- Rheumatology (2 weeks)
- Trustbridge Hospice (2-4 weeks)

**Requires commute/travel as learning experience takes place at another facility; funding for commute/travel or associated living expenses are not provided by program.

Elective Longitudinal Learning Experiences

- Nova Southeastern University Teaching Certificate Program – 11 months (4 hours per month)
- Palm Beach Atlantic University Teaching Certificate Program – 11 months (8 hours per week)
- USF Teaching Certificate Program – 9 months (4 hours per week)
- Yellow Belt Certification Longitudinal (10 months, 1 hour per week)

Role of the Resident

The resident will work as an active member of this interdisciplinary team and will gain experience in all aspects of pain management, palliative care, substance use disorder including Whole Health approaches for patient-centered care. In addition the resident will precept pharmacy students (local colleges of pharmacy) and PGY1 residents.

Benefits

- 11 paid holidays
- 13 vacation days
- 13 sick days
- Salary \$54,684
- Optional health insurance

Application Process

- Please submit application materials via PhORCAS/ WebAdMIT
- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official university transcripts
- Interview with formal 20-minute clinical presentation
- Graduate of ACPE approved college of pharmacy with Doctor of Pharmacy degree completion of an ASHP-accredited PGY1 pharmacy residency or one in the ASHP accreditation process
- U.S. Citizenship and licensure as a registered pharmacist in any state in the United States or Puerto Rico is required



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Application deadline:

January 4th

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