



## HOW TO APPLY

### We are participating in VA Nationwide Early Commitment (VANEC)

To apply, please send your re-  
quired application materials to  
current acting RPD,  
[brooke.butler@va.gov](mailto:brooke.butler@va.gov)

1. Letter of intent
2. CV
3. At least 2 letters of reference

Letters must be submitted using  
[VANEC Recommendation Form](#)  
with 1 from current RPD and 1  
from a residency preceptor

**VANEC deadline: 11/1/24**

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## PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program



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Dublin, Georgia



# POST-GRADUATE YEAR 2 (PGY-2) PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACY RESIDENCY PROGRAM



## About Us

The Carl Vinson VA Medical Center (CVVAMC) is Located on 75-acres and serves over 30,000 veterans in Middle and South Georgia. Our main facility is in Dublin, GA with CBOCs in Milledgeville, Warner Robins, Perry, Tifton, Albany, and Macon. Over 1,000 employees provide outstanding comprehensive medical and mental health care to veterans daily.

Here at CVVAMC, the Psychiatric Pharmacist is a valued member of this team and actively treats and monitors disorders including substance use disorder (SUD), post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression and schizophrenia.

*To date, Carl Vinson VA is the only site in Georgia to offer an ASHP-accredited PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program!*

## Dublin, Georgia



Full of charm, the city of Dublin is located in central Georgia at the junction of I-16 and Hwys. 441 and 319. Although there are wonderful locally-owned restaurants, boutiques, thrift stores, and a farmers market in town, Dublin is only ~2 hour drive to the beach, mountains, Athens, or Metro Atlanta!

AT A GLANCE

VANEC Deadline: 11/1/24

Number of Positions: 1

Tentative Starting Date: 6/30/25

Length of Program: 12 Months

## Required Rotations

### CORE I: Foundation

- Orientation
- Outpatient Psychiatry I
- MH Residential Rehabilitation and Treatment Program (MHR RTP)
- Primary Care MH Integration

### CORE II: Specialty

- Pain Management
- Acute Psychiatry (Non-VA—*Quentin's Place*)
- Substance Use Disorders
- Specialty Elective

### Longitudinal Rotations

- Outpatient II
- Major Project
- Teaching & Learning/Academia
- Didactic
- Administration

## Elective Rotations

### We have several elective rotations to choose from:

- Substance Use Disorders
- PTSD
- MH Intensive Case Management (MHICM)
- Pharmacogenomics
- Home Based Primary Care MH
- Advanced Outpatient
- Advanced MHR RTP

## Residency Activities

In addition to rotations, residents will participate in extended activities throughout the year which may include:

- Case Presentations
- Journal Clubs
- Precepting PGY-1 Residents & APPE Students
- Adverse Drug Event Reporting
- Quality Improvement Projects
- Medication Use Evaluations
- Newsletter Publications
- ASHP & AAPP Poster Presentations
- In-Service Presentations
- Community Service
- Group Visits

## Goals & Outcomes

**Clinical Competence:** Mastery in psychiatric pharmacotherapy, including medication selection, dosing, and monitoring.

**Interdisciplinary Collaborations:** Improved ability to work effectively with psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and other healthcare professionals in managing MH patients.

**Patient Advocacy:** Expertise in educating patients and caregivers on psychiatric medications and advocating for individualized treatment plans consistent with the VA's ICARE values.

**Leadership & Research:** Engagement in leadership roles within psychiatric pharmacy practice, along with participation in quality improvement projects aimed and enhancing medication delivery.

**BCPP Preparation:** Completion of our PGY-2 program will help prepare residents to become board certified in psychiatric pharmacy.

*Our primary goal is to create well-rounded, knowledgeable, and confident psychiatric pharmacists capable of delivering high-quality care to individuals with MH needs.*

- Est. Annual Stipend: \$51,974
- Paid Federal Holidays
- Paid Vacation and Sick Leave
- Travel to Conferences (tentative)
- Health and Life Insurance
- Time Served Qualifies towards Public Student Loan Forgiveness Program!

BENEFITS