

# POSTGRADUATE YEAR ONE (PGY1) PHARMACY RESIDENCY



**Purpose Statement:** The Iowa City VAHCS PGY1 residency program builds upon Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and outcomes to develop pharmacist practitioners with knowledge, skills, and abilities as defined in the ASHP educational competency areas, goals, and objectives. Residents who successfully complete our PGY1 residency program will be skilled in diverse patient care, practice management, leadership, and education. Residents will be prepared to provide patient care, seek board certification in pharmacotherapy (i.e., BCPS), and pursue advanced education and training opportunities including postgraduate year two (PGY2) residencies. The ICVAHCS is a teaching hospital providing the unique opportunity for our residents to engage in direct patient care, practice management, and medication related education.

**Program Description:** Residents will gain valuable clinical experience in the ambulatory care and inpatient setting. Besides clinical activities, residents are appointed adjunct faculty status at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy and will participate in precepting/teaching pharmacy students. Residents will also participate in patient and staff education, present formal lectures, case discussions, and journal clubs. Residents are required to conduct a research project, present the results, and summarize in a manuscript suitable for publication.

**Required Experiences:** *Longitudinal--education program for residents*, medication safety, MUE project, project development and staffing; *8-10 weeks--orientation*, required ambulatory care block; *5-6 weeks--administration*; *5-7 weeks--internal medicine*

**Electives:** Residents will select one *10-14 week* elective track (ambulatory care, specialty clinical, or psychiatry PGY-2). In addition, residents will complete one daily elective (*5-7 weeks*).

**Positions:** 4    **Appointment Period:** 52 weeks; orientation starts June 30, 2025

**Salary:** \$47,995 per annum (*based on 2024-2025 pay*)

**Benefits:** Federal employee medical, dental and vision health benefits. Accrue vacation and sick days, observe federal government holidays, continuing education opportunities and partial travel funds available.

**Website:** <https://www.va.gov/iowa-city-health-care/work-with-us/internships-and-fellowships/pharmacy-residency-programs/>

## Recruitment Events

- [Federal Pharmacy Virtual Residency Showcase on Wednesday, October 10 from 3-5 PM CST.](#)
- [SNPhA X ACCP Residency Showcase on Thursday, November 14 from 6-7 PM CST](#)
- University specific recruitment events (Drake University and University of Iowa)
- Attending ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting on Monday December 9, 2024 from 1-4 PM. Booth 4154.

Please contact us for an individual virtual meeting if unable to make an above event  
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## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Please submit all materials required in PhORCAS. Applications submitted outside the PhORCAS system will not be accepted. We encourage applicants to customize their cover letter to our program. Applicants should expand on why they are interested in our program, with specific career goals and characteristics which make them a strong candidate.

Please include all scheduled APPE rotations on your CV with a description of activities performed and presentations given.

The applicant should have three individuals complete the standardized reference template in PhORCAS. We recommend each applicant select individuals who can comment on their clinical knowledge and/or work in a pharmacy setting

### Requirements for Applicants:

According to ASHP applicants to all pharmacy residencies must be a graduate or candidate for graduation of an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredited degree program (or one in process of pursuing accreditation) or have a Foreign Pharmacy Graduation Equivalency Committee (FPGEC) certificate from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). At a minimum, the program must be a five-year pharmacy degree program.

The Department of Veterans Affairs adheres to all federal Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action policies. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA)/Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) oversees all clinical health professions training programs. To participate in VA training you must be eligible for federal appointment. Please review this website for more information. <https://www.va.gov/oaa/hpt-eligibility.asp>

Applicants to the Iowa City VA PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program will have maintained a pharmacy GPA  $\geq 3.0$  or pass/fail equivalent\* (\*For pass/fail equivalent: no repeated pharmacy course, pass all pharmacy courses, and in top 50% of pharmacy class). According to VHA directive 1108.07 pharmacy residents need to secure pharmacy licensure within 90 days of starting the PGY1 residency training program. Iowa licensure is not required.

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen by the application deadline. **Application Deadline:** January 4

This residency site agrees no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking related information from any applicant.

Personal interviews with a 15-20 minute presentation are required. Virtual interviews will be conducted this year using Microsoft Teams. All applicants will be notified of their interview status no later than February 14.

For further information, address all correspondence to:  
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