

Applicant Requirements

- United States Citizenship
- Pharm.D. Degree from an ACPE-Accredited College of Pharmacy
- Completion of an ASHP - Accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency
- Active Pharmacist Licensure
- Letter of Intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three Letters of Recommendation (one of which is from the current Residency Program Director)
- Complete Official Transcripts
- Application Submitted Via PhORCAS On or Before January 5, 2025
- Virtual Interview



Contact Information

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Please apply via **PhORCAS**:
<https://portal.phorcas.org>

NMS code: 755866

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

This program does not early commit.

Application Deadline:
January 5, 2025



Accredited

The PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program conducted by the VA Boston Healthcare System primarily in Brockton, MA is accredited by ASHP.

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration

VA Boston Healthcare System



PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program



Based at the Brockton Campus

Experience Boston

The greater Boston region is a special kind of place. A vibrant and diverse business sector, prestigious colleges and universities, unrivaled hospitals, world-renowned museums, rich history, and close proximity to the beaches as well as the White and Green Mountains.

Affiliated with Boston University School of Medicine and Harvard University Medical School, the medical center is a tertiary care referral center for the VA in the Northeast. The three medical centers and five community based outpatient clinics serve as a training site for undergraduate and graduate students from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) University and Northeastern University College of Pharmacy and Allied Health. The VA Medical Center in Boston is one of seven National Centers of Excellence for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Required Experiences

- Orientation — 3 weeks
- Inpatient Psychiatry — 3 months
- Outpatient Mental Health (to include General Mental Health and Clozapine Clinic) — 3 months, longitudinal
- Substance Use Disorders — 6 weeks
- Geriatrics — 6 weeks
- Neurology — 1 month

Elective Experiences

- Primary Care Behavioral Health
- Geriatric Mental Health
- Management
- Academia
- Consult Liaison Service
- Urgent Care
- Residential Programs (Substance Use or PTSD)



Resident Positions

- One position is available for the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program.
- The PGY1 program accepts four residents/year and the PGY2 Geriatrics program accepts one - two resident/year.

Resident Benefits

- Approximate stipend of \$57,728
- Health and life insurance offered
- Paid leave: 13 vacation days
13 sick days
- 11 federal holidays
- Free parking at all three campuses

Program Background

The PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program at VA Boston was established in 2017. Our first resident graduated in 2018. The program was accredited by ASHP in 2019.

