



# VA Boston Healthcare System PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency

## *Four-Week Experiences*

- Inpatient General Medicine\*
- Management\*
- Inpatient Anticoagulation
- Inpatient Psych
- Transitions of Care
- Home-Based Primary Care
- Hospital in Home (HIH)
- Geriatrics
- Oncology
- Teaching (inpatient)

## *Twelve-Week Experiences*

- Primary Care Clinic\*
- Anticoagulation Clinic (outpt)\*
- Telehealth (PCC)
- Heart Failure Clinic
- Palliative Care
- Geriatrics
- MH outpatient
- Oncology
- Women's health
- Teaching (ambulatory care)
- Shared medical appointments

## Core Required Experiences \*

Primary Care Clinic  
Anticoagulation Clinic (Outpt)  
Inpatient General Medicine  
Management

## Additional Activities

Medication Use and Evaluation  
Staff Development Presentations / CE  
Practice Management  
Teaching Certificate Program

## Conference Attendance

ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting  
Eastern States Conference

## Staffing Requirements

One weekend per month (day shift)  
Four hours per week (day shift)  
providing service to the department

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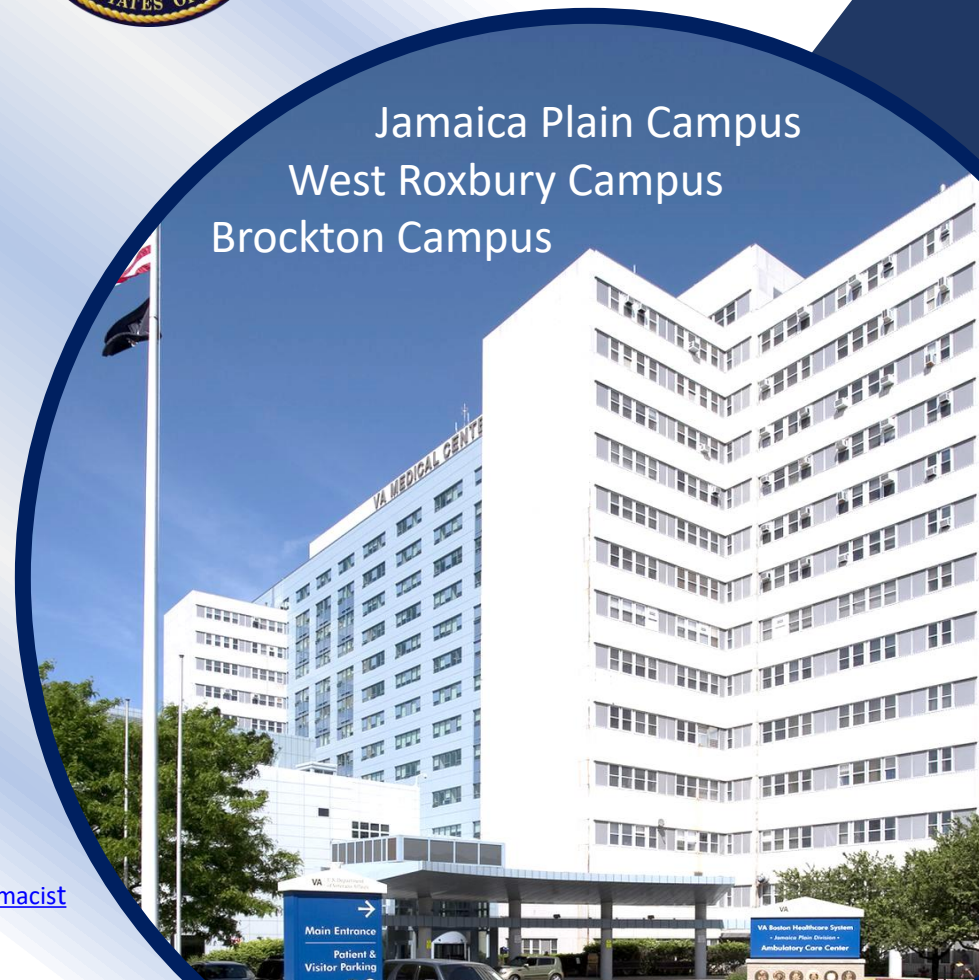
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West Roxbury Campus  
Brockton Campus



**VA Boston Healthcare System (VABHS)** exists to serve veterans through the delivery of timely, quality care by staff who demonstrate outstanding customer service, the advancement of health care through research, and the education of tomorrow's health care providers.

VABHS consists of three campuses: **Jamaica Plain, West Roxbury, and Brockton** where pharmacists are responsible for providing pharmaceutical care in a variety of ambulatory care and inpatient settings.

**Clinical Pharmacist Practitioners (CPP)** are actively involved in the management of patients with various disease states and work closely with other health care professionals. CPP at VABHS have **prescriptive privileges** under an approved scope of practice.

Residents are exposed to a wide variety of additional experiences and opportunities. VABHS has **strong relationships** that provide **teaching opportunities** with two pharmacy schools in Boston: Northeastern University and MCPHS University. There is also a required **teaching certificate program** available which networks with other programs in Boston.



## **Required Application Materials to be submitted via PhORCAS to director:**

- Curriculum vitae
- **Three** standard recommendations
- Letter of intent/personal statement
- Official transcript from college of pharmacy
- Application deadline: 12/31

### **Interview Process:**

- Applicants invited to interview will do so virtually/in person before February 28 (TBD)
- Candidates will be interviewed by:
  - The Residency Program Director
  - Selected preceptors and residents
- The applicants will be independently rated using standardized criteria
  - Selection will be made by a committee consisting of the RPD and selected preceptors

### **Qualifications for Application:**

- Citizen of the United States
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an accredited college of pharmacy or eligible for graduation before July 1; GPA 3.0 or higher
- Licensed pharmacist or eligible for licensure within 90 days from start date of program.

All PGY-1 residents at VABHS have **flexibility** with rotation choices and elective experiences. During the **12 week ambulatory blocks**, the residents will spend a minimum of two days in primary care clinic, one day in anticoagulation clinic and the remaining time devoted to educational activities, electives and staffing. During more intensive, **4-week blocks**, the resident focuses on a single experience. The required 4-week blocks are inpatient general medicine and management.. Our preceptors work hard to develop new clinical experiences. *The hardest part of the year will be getting to do all of the electives you can before the year is over!*

The residency requires a **year-long research project** which can be assigned or designed based on the interests of the resident. Each resident is **paired with a project preceptor** with research experience to mentor them through the process. Residents are also responsible for **obtaining approval** for their research. These projects are presented at **ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting** and **Eastern States Conference for Residents and Preceptors** and a finished, publication-ready **manuscript** is prepared at the end of the residency year.