



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 in inpatient pharmacy;
- One major/minor holiday
- Four hours per week in inpatient or outpatient pharmacy

*Staffing requirements are included as part of stipend

Core Required Experiences

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

Sample Elective Experiences

Four-Week Experiences

Infectious Diseases
Critical Care
Inpatient Anticoagulation
Home Based Primary Care
Hospital in Home (HIH)
Oncology
Teaching (inpatient)

Once Weekly, Twelve-Week Experiences

Oncology
Mental Health
Palliative Care
Renal/Geriatrics
Teaching (ambulatory care)
Shared Medical Appointments
Transitions of Care
Heart Failure Clinic

Program Code 136713

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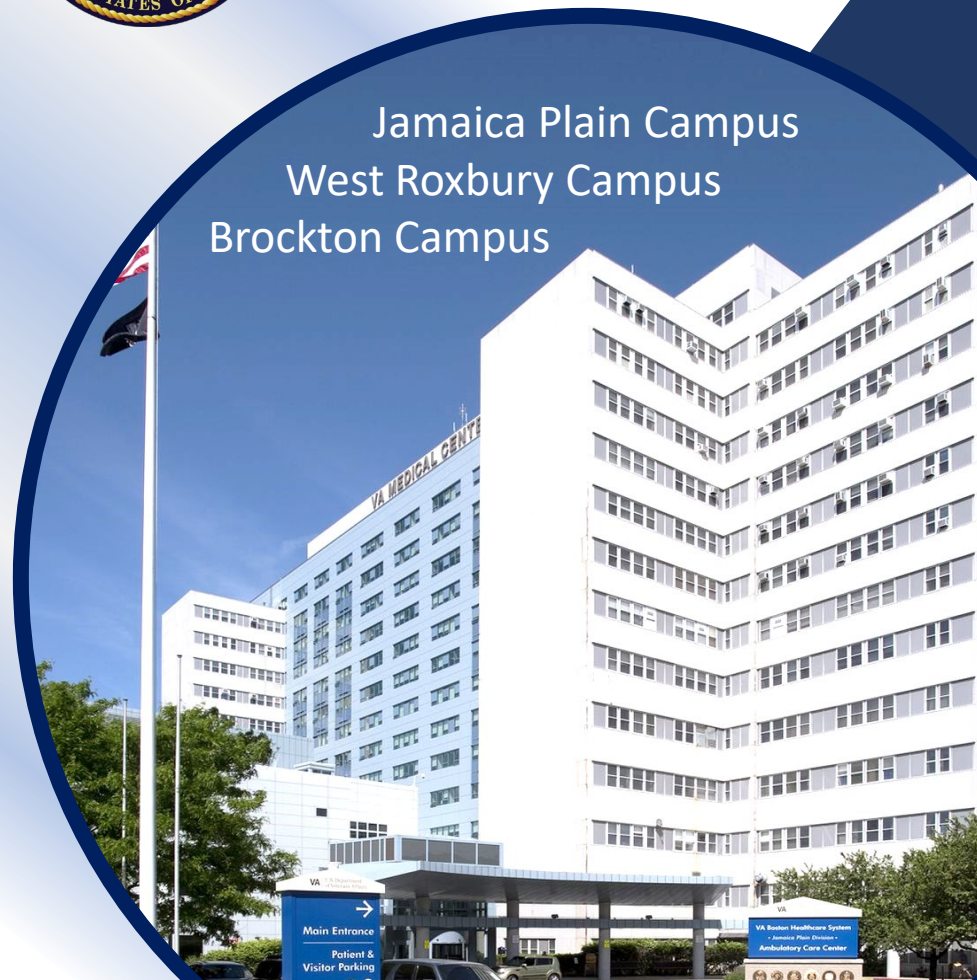
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VA Boston Healthcare System PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency



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Jamaica Plain Campus
West Roxbury Campus
Brockton Campus



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.

Program Goal: The VA Boston Healthcare System offers a one-year ASHP-accredited PGY-1 pharmacy residency. The purpose of this residency program is to provide robust training in various care settings. The graduate will be proficient in the optimization of pharmacotherapy, medication reconciliation, practice management and intimately familiar with multi-disciplinary team assessment and management of the complex, veteran patients.

The pharmacy resident is assigned to various experiences that will emphasize pharmaceutical care. The pharmacy resident must be a licensed pharmacist with a PharmD degree. The license is required for the resident to perform any independent functions of a pharmacist. The pharmacy resident is responsible for providing pharmaceutical care to patients seen in the various areas of the clinics and hospital. The pharmacy resident will strive to consistently provide pharmaceutical care to all patients and should optimize patient care outcomes. The pharmacy resident will strive to develop his/her skills as fully as possible in the one year of the training program. The pharmacy resident must be sensitive and concerned about what our customers believe is good service and attempt to meet or exceed their expectations.

Clinical Pharmacy Specialists (CPS) are actively involved in the management of patients with various disease states and work closely with other health care professionals as well as serve as residency preceptors. CPS 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 an optional **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: 12/30/21

Interview Process:

- Applicants invited to interview will do so before February 28
- Candidates will be interviewed by:
 - The Residency Program Director
 - Selected preceptors and residents
- The applicants will be independently rated using standardized criteria
 - Selection for interviews will be made by a committee consisting of the Program Director 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 in any US state before November 1

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.