

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be accepted through PhORCAS™ (Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service) ONLY. PhORCAS™ application must include: letter of intent stating career goals, curriculum vitae, three letters of reference (one required by the PGY 1 residency director), and official pharmacy school transcripts.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
January 4, 2023

The VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) is a multi-facility network of medical centers and clinics with a total of 727 operating beds and seven outpatient clinics serving over 55,000 patients throughout the state of Maryland. The Medical Centers at Baltimore and Loch Raven serve as the main practice sites and provide acute care, surgical services, psychiatry, ambulatory care, long-term care and teaching and research experiences. The Pharmacy department includes close to 100 pharmacists and pharmacy technicians and provides 24/7 services in Baltimore.

Our healthcare system serves the healthcare needs of America's veterans in Maryland by providing primary care, specialized care, and related medical and social support sources.



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DIVERSITY STATEMENT

The Department of Veterans Affairs is committed to ensuring Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), promoting workplace diversity and inclusion in service to our nation's Veterans. The VA enforces all applicable Federal EEO laws, regulations, executive orders and management directives to ensure equal opportunity in the workplace to all VA employees.

This program participates in the ASHP Residency Matching Program through the National Matching Service. The residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from the residency applicant. Candidates will be notified of an interview no later than the second Friday of February. For additional information, please contact the Residency Program Director.



POSTGRADUATE YEAR TWO (PGY2) GERIATRIC PHARMACY RESIDENCY PROGRAM

**VA Maryland Health
Care System**

<https://www.va.gov/maryland-health-care/>

OVERVIEW

The VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) is seeking ONE highly motivated Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2) Geriatric Pharmacy Residency Program candidate. This 12-month ASHP-accredited PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency is designed to develop the resident to be proficient in optimization of geriatric pharmacotherapy, performance of medication reconciliation and medication management in older adults, and collaboration with the different roles of the interdisciplinary team in the assessment and management of the older patient.



GERIATRIC PHARMACY TRAINING

The resident will work closely with clinical pharmacy specialists and the geriatric interdisciplinary team. The resident is required to participate in the following learning experiences: Long Term Care, Home- Based Primary Care, Cognitive Assessment Clinic, PACT, Anticoagulation, Hospice/Palliative Care, Lipid Risk Reduction Clinic, Antimicrobial Stewardship, Heart Failure Clinic and Internal Medicine. In addition, residents may rotate through other elective practice areas such as: Renal clinic, Anticoagulation Clinic, Psychiatry as well as other potential off-site elective experiences through affiliated institutions. A major emphasis of the residency is providing direct patient care with the supervision from respective preceptors.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Resident clinical responsibilities include but are not limited to: obtaining a pertinent patient history, assessing pharmacotherapeutic issues, entering labs and medication orders and implementing an appropriate pharmacotherapy plan as related to geriatric patients, electronic documentation of progress notes, and providing accurate drug information to patients and other health care providers. The resident will be expected to become an integral part of the interdisciplinary geriatric team.

OPPORTUNITIES

Teaching:

The resident will participate in select teaching activities at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. Teaching activities may include didactic lectures, leading small group discussions, assessing students on clinical skills, and serving as a co-preceptor during experiential rotations. A teaching certificate program is available through the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, in which the resident may pursue.

Presentations:

- Journal Club, Case Presentations, In-service(s)
- Formal Pharmacotherapy Presentation (CE) in conjunction with other participating Baltimore residency programs
- Required Research Project with presentation of results at a regional pharmacy conference (with manuscript of publishable quality)

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EVALUATION

A Residency Development Plan (RDP) for each resident will be formulated upon entry into the program. Updates and changes will be addressed quarterly by the Residency Program Director and/or Program Coordinator. Following the ASHP Accreditation Standard for PGY2 Pharmacy Residencies, this program includes the required ASHP Competency Areas, Goals, and Objectives for PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy. Resident performance on each learning experience will be documented electronically in PharmAcademic.

BENEFITS

The annual stipend is \$51,297. Benefits include 11 paid Federal holidays, 13 accrued vacation and 13 accrued sick days, and paid leave to attend approved professional meetings. Vacation and sick leave are accrued at a rate of 4 hours per two-week pay period. Health benefits are available at standard government employee contribution rates. A dual appointment may be available for additional reimbursement.

REQUIREMENTS

A Doctor of Pharmacy degree, completion of an ASHP accredited PGY 1 Pharmacy Residency, U.S. citizenship and a full, current, and unrestricted license to practice pharmacy in a State, Territory, or Commonwealth of the U.S. or District of Columbia. A virtual interview and participation in the ASHP Residency Match Program are also required. Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of pre-employment fingerprinting and a pre-employment physical exam, including negative drug test.