

### **About Veterans Health Administration**

The VA's health care system includes 155 medical centers in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Additionally, more than 800 ambulatory care sites and community-based outpatient clinics are operated by the VA. These health care facilities provide a multitude of services, ranging from medical and surgical to rehabilitative care. The VA health care system has consistently received high scores in providing quality care to its patients.

### **About the Battle Creek VA**

The Battle Creek VA provides a variety of services to Veterans. Annually, more than 200,000 visits are made to ambulatory clinics that include primary care, mental health, infectious disease, endocrinology, urology, pain, podiatry, cardiology, and neurology.

Additionally, the facility has 300+ inpatient beds, providing care for internal medicine, mental health, and long-term care patients. In total, more than 35,000 Veterans are serviced by the facility.

The Battle Creek VA facility houses 23 Clinical Pharmacy Specialists specializing in areas including diabetes, hypertension, COPD, hypothyroidism, men's health, women's health, smoking cessation, hyperlipidemia, anticoagulation management, pain management, mental health conditions, and substance use disorders.



## **Battle Creek VA Medical Center PGY-1 Residency**



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### **Program Description**

Residents completing a residency at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center will be prepared to become clinical pharmacists that provide exemplary patient care in interdisciplinary teams, capable of leading the profession and working within the framework of a health care system.

### **Residency Structure**

The 12-month residency consists of activities located primarily at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center.

#### Required Experiences:

- Anticoagulation
- Education and Drug information
- Home-based primary care
- Inpatient pharmacy
- Inpatient psychiatry
- Interprofessional series
- Outpatient pharmacy
- Pharmacy management
- Pharmacy policy
- Pharmacy research project
- Primary care

#### Elective Experiences:

- Erythropoietin-Stimulating Agents
- Hepatology
- PTSD
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation
- Substance Abuse
- Learning Experience Development
- Population Management

#### Teaching Experiences

- Precept P4 students
- Continuing education for staff
- Teaching certificate through Ferris State University (optional)

Residents are required to staff one day in outpatient and inpatient pharmacy monthly

### **Purpose Statement**

The Battle Creek VA Medical Center PGY1 pharmacy residency program will build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, eligible for board certification, and eligible for postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency training.

### **Application and Timeline**

The Battle Creek VA uses PhORCAS for submission of application materials, due on January 1:

- Curriculum Vitae
- College Transcripts
- Letter of intent stating applicant's reasons for applying to this residency
- Three letters of recommendation from professional sources, either faculty or employers
- Supplemental questions

The Battle Creek VA Medical Center participates in the National Match Program.

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

Item	Date
Applications due	January 1
Interview notifications	February 1
Interviews	February
National Match	March
Start Date	Pay period including July 1

### **Fringe Benefits**

1. Preceptors with scope of practice
2. Stipend of \$41,742 in 2021-2022 (determined nationally each year)
3. Paid leave (13 days paid vacation & 13 days paid sick time)
4. 11 paid federal holidays
5. Minimum required on-site hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Mondays through Fridays
6. Health, life, dental, and eye insurance
7. Nationwide networking

### **Residency Application Requirements**

- Must be US citizen
- Must be graduate of a College of Pharmacy currently accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education OR be otherwise eligible for pharmacy licensure
- Minimum GPA of 3.0

*There is no requirement regarding the type of degree held by the applicant, and the residency program director will assess baseline knowledge, skills and abilities to ascertain qualification for admission*

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