

# **Battle Creek VA Medical Center PGY-2 Residency**

## *Psychiatric Pharmacy*



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### **Program Description**

The PGY2 psychiatric pharmacy residency program is designed to develop accountability; practice patterns; habits; and expert knowledge, skills, attitudes, and abilities in the respective advanced area of psychiatric pharmacy practice. A resident who successfully completes this PGY2 residency should possess competencies that enable attainment of board certification in psychiatric pharmacy.

Our PGY2 psychiatric pharmacy residency builds upon the broad-based competencies achieved in a specialized or general PGY1 residency, deepening the resident's ability to provide care in the most complex of cases or in the support of care through practice leadership. Therefore, the PGY2 residency will provide residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners in a variety of mental health settings by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge into improved medication therapy for patients.

The Psychiatric Pharmacy resident will participate in many of the facility's mental health treatment services, including inpatient, residential, and outpatient mental health care. They will be responsible for psychotropic medication management across a variety of disease states including mood and anxiety disorders, schizophrenia, PTSD, substance use, and pain management. Additionally, the psychiatric pharmacy resident will participate in formulary and pharmacy management and research.

### **Residency Structure**

Learning experiences are offered in blocks and longitudinally to maximize learning opportunities for the treatment setting. The last month of the year is designated as career preparation during which time the learning experience will be tailored to a resident's post-residency employment plans. The PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy resident will also serve as Chief Resident for the PGY1 residents and may precept PGY1 residents and pharmacy students throughout the year.

#### Required Experiences:

- Orientation
- Inpatient Psychiatry
- Outpatient Mental Health Clinic
- Pain Management
- Primary Care Mental Health Integration Team
- Psychiatric Pharmacy Administration & Drug Information
- Psychosocial Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (RRTP)
- Residency Project
- Substance Abuse

#### Elective Experiences:

- Academia/Teaching
- Academic Detailing
- Inpatient Mental Health II
- Interprofessional Series
- Pharmacy Management
- PTSD Clinic Team (PCT)
- PTSD RRTP
- Substance Use Disorder RRTP

Leadership and Interdisciplinary Opportunities:

- Chief Resident
- Teaching Certificate
- Interprofessional Series
- Preceptor Development

**Benefits:**

- Salary
- 13 days of annual leave
- 11 federal holidays
- Health, vision, dental, and life insurance available

**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, 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 Medical Center is a referral center for mental health services in the region. There are a variety of mental health services including a 55-bed acute psychiatry unit, 101 beds across three residential rehabilitation treatment programs, and outpatient services including mental health clinic, mental health intensive case management, substance use disorder clinic, and the wellness and recovery program.

**Positions Available:** 1

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