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*Charles George VA Medical Center  
Asheville, North Carolina*

## **Postgraduate Year One Pharmacy Residency**

### **PGY-1 Residency Purpose Statement**

PGY1 pharmacy residency programs 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.

### **About the Charles George VA Medical Center (CGVAMC)**

The CGVAMC is a Joint Commission accredited, tertiary referral, 1C facility serving nearly 48,000 Veterans residing in a 23-county area of Western North Carolina. Comprehensive health care is provided through the spectrum of primary care, tertiary care, and long-term care in areas of medicine, surgery, mental health, physical medicine and rehabilitation, spinal cord injury, neurology, oncology, dentistry, ophthalmology, women's health and geriatrics. The medical center has 119 authorized acute care beds (including 16-bed inpatient psychiatric unit), two state-of-the-art Intensive Care Units, 120 authorized Community Living Center (CLC) beds, and 18 authorized Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program beds. The medical center also operates Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) in Franklin, Rutherford county, and Hickory, NC.

### **Description/Overview of the Curriculum**

This 12-month residency program strives to develop a pharmacy practitioner who can apply the unique skills pharmacists possess in innovative settings to meet health care needs that are not adequately met by other professions. Residents will be trained to add to the body of knowledge of the clinical, financial and humanistic value of pharmaceutical care. The program will prepare residents to accept clinical pharmacy positions in health systems or clinics and function as an autonomous clinical practitioner.

The majority of the residency curriculum is longitudinal, which allows the resident to follow the outcomes of panels of patients throughout the year. Residents will be responsible for managing and monitoring disease states consulted to the clinical pharmacists' clinics. Responsibilities include pharmacotherapy implementation or discontinuation, dose adjustments, indicated monitoring, progress towards treatment goals as well as development, implementation, and monitoring of therapeutic treatment plans. Residents will also gain experience in inpatient pharmacy practice, pharmacoconomics, management, research, and education/academia.

Our residency preceptors have a great deal of experience precepting and have worked hard to construct a residency experience that develops valuable skills and knowledge within residents. All preceptors are dedicated to residency teaching and serve as learning facilitators, mentors, and models.

### **Required Learning Experiences**

- Orientation
- Inpatient/Acute Care
- Core longitudinal experiences in pharmacist-managed clinics (face-to-face, phone, and telehealth appointment modalities)
  - Primary care
  - Anticoagulation
  - Pain management
  - Mental health
- Geriatrics, long-term care, short-term rehabilitation, and hospice in the Community Living Center (CLC)
- Off-site weekly Primary Care Clinical Meeting with other local area residents
- Research project
- Formulary Management
- Teaching Certificate
- Presentations
  - Quarterly education to facility providers
  - Lectures at Wingate University School of Pharmacy
  - Continuing Education
- Medication Utilization Evaluation including presentation to Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee
- Monthly drug information questions
- Management with the Chief/Assistant Chief of Pharmacy
- Co-precept pharmacy students from UNC-CH and Wingate Schools of Pharmacy
- Staffing in inpatient pharmacy one night per week

### **Elective Learning Experiences**

- Academia
- Academic Detailing
- ESA/Anemia
- Home-Based Primary Care (home visits)
- Community Based Outpatient Clinic
- Hepatitis C
- Geriatrics
- Infectious Disease
- Metabolic Bone (osteoporosis/osteopenia)
- Oncology (outpatient)
- Endocrinology
- Leadership/Management with Residency Program Director (RPD)

## Requirements to Receive Residency Certificate

- Meet all ASHP PGY1 Residency requirements including achieving all the required goals and objectives. A resident may be permitted to graduate with up to 3 objectives in a status of making progress as long as they are not major (critical) issues and in the judgment of the preceptors and residency program director, continued progress to the level expected of the objectives can occur as the resident continues to gain experience.
  - “Achieved” will be defined as – the resident has mastered this goal/objective for this rotation and can perform the task independently or upon request for this experience/population.
- Satisfactory completion of all rotations. If a rotation is not satisfactorily completed, appropriate remedial work must be completed as determined by preceptors and RPD.
- Completion of a residency project including, submission to IRB, presentation, and a working manuscript including all the required forms for publication.
- Completion of medication utilization evaluation presented to the Pharmacy and Therapeutics committee by January of residency year.
- A minimum of two oral presentations per quarter (including primary care presentations, Wingate lectures). Presentations must be presented to preceptors at least 1 week prior to the scheduled presentation date for feedback and to allow revisions as necessary.
- Inpatient pharmacy staffing on Monday or Tuesday afternoons/evenings (3:30-9pm).
- Completion of all assignments and projects as defined by the preceptors and RPD.
- Compliance with all institutional and departmental policies.
- Monthly drug information questions.

## Benefits

- Competitive \$41,742 stipend
- All federal holidays off (10 total)
- 13 days sick leave and 13 days annual leave (PTO) accrued
- Health/life insurance available
- Teaching certificate
- Personal office space with computer provided
- Administrative time built into schedule
- Authorized absence for attendance to recruitment events, professional meetings, and post-graduate job interviews
- Stipend for travel (if available)
- Free parking
- CE credits available

### **Applicant Check List**

- Letter of Intent
  - Letter of Intent should describe your interest in this specific residency program, your natural strengths and weaknesses in regard to performance in a residency program, as well as short and long-term career goals
- Response to personal screening question
  - *“Share an experience that helped you grow and improve personally”*
  - Limit response to 1 page
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- Official Transcripts

Applications will be submitted through The Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application (PhORCAS).

**Deadline for application is 1/2/2022.**

### **2022 Interview Dates**

- Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>
  - \*Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>
- \*Alternate date if unforeseen events/cancellation necessary

### **ASHP Program Code**

36103

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