

New Mexico VA Health Care System

PGY2 Pain Management and Palliative Care Residency

Program Overview

The ASHP-accredited PGY2 Pain & Palliative Care Pharmacy Residency Program at the New Mexico VA Health Care System (NMVAHCS) provides residents with a rich and diverse, advanced training opportunity necessary to deliver comprehensive pain management, hospice and palliative care. The program is designed to equip residents with the skills and knowledge needed to be an essential member of interdisciplinary pain and/or palliative care teams.

This structured 12-month program includes direct and non-direct patient care experiences in a variety of both inpatient and outpatient practice settings. The residency includes training in pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic management of chronic non-malignant pain, malignant pain, acute pain, substance use disorders, and hospice and palliative medicine. There are opportunities for teaching and precepting students and PGY1 residents throughout the year. Upon completion of this comprehensive program, residents will be prepared to practice as well-rounded, independent clinical pharmacist practitioner in pain and/or palliative care.

FACILITY INFORMATION

The Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center is a Level 1 tertiary referral center with a 24-hour Emergency Room located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the heart of the Land of Enchantment. As a teaching institution, the medical center is affiliated with the University of New Mexico and the Central New Mexico Community College. The medical center is authorized to operate a total of 310 beds, which includes 32 acute psychiatric beds, three different residential treatment programs, and Community-based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) that operate in several locations throughout the state.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Must be a United States citizen and have graduated from an American Council for Pharmaceutical Education-accredited College or School of Pharmacy and completed a PGY1 residency. Hired residents will need to provide documentation of a physical, hepatitis B vaccination, influenza vaccination, COVID vaccination and TB screening upon acceptance of the residency position. Applicants must participate in the ASHP Matching Service and the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS).

Benefits

- Salary: \$51,089
- 13 paid vacation days
- 13 paid sick days
- 11 paid federal holidays
- Health insurance available
- Educational leave to attend meetings and conferences
- Designated office space and laptop
- Virtual Library available both at the facility and off-site
- Remote Access

Application Materials

- **Deadline: 1/15/24**
- PhORCAS Application
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Intent
- Three References via PhORCAS
- Official Transcripts

RESIDENCY STRUCTURE

Core Learning Experiences

Orientation (flexible as needed based on VA experience)	4 weeks
Chronic Pain Management I and II	8 weeks, 4 weeks
Palliative Care	6 months
Substance Use Disorders	6 months
Pain Management, Opioid Safety, and PDMP (PMOP)	12 months
Teaching and Precepting	12 months
PGY2 Project Management	12 months
Medication Use Evaluation (MUE)	6 months

Elective Learning Experiences

Academic Detailing	4-6 weeks
Home-Based Primary Care	4-6 weeks
Inpatient Psychiatric	4-6 weeks
Inpatient Surgery	4-6 weeks
Neurology	4-6 weeks
Oncology	4-6 weeks
Outpatient Psychiatric	4-6 weeks
Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)	4-6 weeks

**Additional rotations may be developed based on the interests of the resident*

WHY ALBUQUERQUE?

Albuquerque is located in the heart of the Land of Enchantment with mild winters and pleasant summers. A ride up the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway puts you atop the Sandia Mountains where you can look over 15,000 square miles of magical landscape. To the west, the Rio Grande meanders through a cottonwood-lined valley, below dormant volcanoes silhouetted against the fiery red sunsets. Outdoor activities include hiking and biking with over 400 miles of bike paths and trails, skiing, mountain climbing, fishing, hunting, and more.

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