

# NEW MEXICO VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

## *PGY2 Pain Management & Palliative Care Residency*



### Program Overview

The PGY2 Pain Management & Palliative Care Residency program is a new one-year specialty program at the New Mexico VA Health Care System (NMVAHCS) with one position available on an annual basis. This is a structured post-graduate education training opportunity in a facility with over 25 qualified preceptors integrated across the hospital and specialty clinics.

The purpose of this PGY2 program is provide a rich and diverse training opportunity to facilitate the knowledge and skills necessary to be an essential member of an integrated pain care team. The program will provide residents with comprehensive training and educational experiences through directs and indirect patient care. Graduates of the program will be able to develop and implement multimodal therapeutic recommendations across a variety of practice settings for complex pain and palliative care patients. The resident receiving a certificate will be prepared to practice as a competent member of an interdisciplinary pain management and/or palliative care team, especially within the Veterans Affairs Health Care System. The resident will also be prepared to serve as adjunct faculty in the area of pain management and/or palliative care and will be eligible to take board certification exam.

### Benefits

- Salary: \$45,505 (based on 2020-2021)
- Health insurance available
- 13 days of paid annual leave
- 10 paid holidays
- 4 hours sick leave/pay period
- Educational leave to attend meetings and conferences
- Private office with individual space and computer
- Virtual Library available both at the facility and off-site

### 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.

## RESIDENCY STRUCTURE

### Required Rotations

- Orientation (3 weeks)
- Ambulatory Pain Management Clinic (12 weeks)
- Rural & Population Health (4 weeks)

### Elective Rotations (Select 5)

Rotations are 6 weeks

- Acute Pain Management
- Musculoskeletal Clinic
- Neurology/Headache Clinic
- Oncology
- SCI
- Additional rotations may be developed based on the interests of the resident

## LONGITUDINAL AND ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Residency Project (on-site IRB available)
- Medication Use Evaluation
- Journal Club
- Integrated Pain Committee
- Administration
- Substance Use Disorders Clinic
- Palliative Care
- Prior Authorization Reviews

## DIRECT PATIENT CARE OPPORTUNITIES

### **Outpatient**

- Ambulatory Pain Management Clinic
- Rural & Population health
- Palliative Care
- Substance Use Disorders Clinic
- Oncology
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Neurology/Headache Clinic

*All clinics staffed by pharmacists with prescriptive authority for non-controlled substance who manage chronic pain conditions and comorbidities that affect pain including sleep, depression, and anxiety.*

### **Inpatient**

- Palliative Care
- Surgery
- Inpatient Consult Service
- Acute Pain

*Activities in these areas include patient interviews, physical assessment, medication therapy management and medication reviews.*

## **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).

### **Application Materials**

- PhORCAS Application
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Intent
- Official Transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation

## 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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**For further information or questions:**

<https://www.albuquerque.va.gov/careers/Residency.asp>

For additional program information please contact RPD

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