



VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program



Overview

The VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System (VASNHS) provides a broad spectrum of ambulatory and inpatient services as part of VA Sierra Pacific Network (Veterans Integrated Service Network - VISN 21). The VASNHS serves Veterans in seven counties including Clark, Lincoln, Nye, and Esmeralda in Nevada; Washington County in Utah; Mohave County in Arizona; and San Bernardino County in California. Recent consensus projections place the Veteran population of these counties over 240,000. There is a total of 25 facilities which make up the VASNHS. The sites are in Las Vegas, Henderson, and Pahrump, Nevada. Most of the facilities are in metropolitan Las Vegas and North Las Vegas, Nevada.

The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program is an ASHP accredited program that offers in-depth experiences in clinical services. Our program is designed to provide you with a variety of learning environments, teaching opportunities, and projects – all to help develop your clinical knowledge, skills, confidence, and independence. One of our primary goals is to provide residents with professional growth that optimizes their marketability for future employment in either ambulatory care or inpatient settings, PGY2 opportunities, and other pharmacy career endeavors.

CORE VALUE

Because I CARE, I will...

Integrity

Act with high moral principle

Commitment

Work diligently to serve Veterans and other beneficiaries

Advocacy

Be Veteran-centric by identifying, fully considering, and appropriately advancing Veterans and other beneficiaries

Respect

Treat all those who I serve and with whom I work with dignity and respect

Excellence

Strive for the highest quality of continuous improvement

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Required Learning Experiences – 1-5 weeks in duration

- Anticoagulation
- Infectious Disease
- Inpatient Operations
- Inpatient Pharmacy – Acute Care Medicine
- Management Administration
- Outpatient Bootcamp
- Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT)

Required Extended Learning Experiences – 4 months in duration:

- Chief Resident
- Pharmacy/Therapeutics and Medication Safety

Required Longitudinal Learning Experiences – 52 weeks in duration:

- Research Project
- Duty Hours/Well Being
- Education and Training

Elective Learning Experiences (resident completes) – 4-5 weeks in duration unless otherwise noted below *

- Anticoagulation Population Management (2 weeks in length) *
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Endocrinology
- Geriatrics/Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)
- Inpatient Mental Health
- Oncology
- Outpatient Mental Health
- PACT Precepting (6 weeks in length) *
- PACT Population Management (2 weeks in length) *
- Pain
- Pharmacoeconomics
- Women's Health
- USP (Compounding/Hazardous drugs)

Others may be determined on a case-by-case basis based on resident interests and preceptor availability

ADDITIONAL RESIDENCY HIGHLIGHTS

Other Residency Activities and Responsibilities

- Outpatient and Inpatient Staffing – two weekend days once a month
- Teaching Certificate at Roseman University of Health Sciences (optional)
- Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) Continuing Education
- Drug Monograph/Criteria for Use
- Medication Use Evaluations (MUE)
- Poster presentation at ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
- Platform research presentation at Southern California VA Pharmacy Residency Conference
- Residency presentations: patient cases, journal clubs, guideline reviews, in-services, etc.
- Actively participate in Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee

Benefits

- Estimated stipend: \$42,365
- Annual and sick leave accrued every two weeks
- Option for health, dental, and life insurance
- Free parking
- At home access to email, Electronic Medical Record (EMR), and more

ASHP Resident Matching Program: VASNHS Match ID #15521

Applicant Qualifications

- PharmD degree from ACPE accredited College of Pharmacy
- Proof of U.S. Citizenship or proof of naturalization
- Participation in the ASHP Residency Matching Program
- Interview - *invitation only*

Applicant Requirements

- Submit completed applications via Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS)
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Letter of intent: Must answer the following questions:
 - Why you want to do a residency at VASNHS?
 - What are your areas of clinical interest?
 - What are your 5-year career goals?
 - Describe how your APPE and work experience makes you qualified for this program
 - A specific example of you have impacted patient care
- Three (3) recommendation letters (at least one from an APPE preceptor)
- If you are a practicing pharmacist, at least one letter must be from your employer (e.g., supervisor)
- Official transcripts from school of pharmacy and other advance degree colleges

[Licensing Information](#)

Pharmacy residents are required to obtain a pharmacist license in one of the states of the United States. Pharmacy residents must schedule the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and Multistate Pharmacist Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) prior to entering the residency program or by **July 30th**, at the latest. Pharmacy residents must be licensed in any state by **October 31st**.

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