



Dear VA Residency Applicant:

On behalf of the Pharmacy Residency Program Office and VA Residency Training Programs, I would like to welcome you to the VA Pharmacy Residency site! VA offers such strong training programs, not just for potential VA employment but for any future career in pharmacy. I would like to take this opportunity to share some facts about VA training as well as compelling feedback from former VA residents and my best advice!

- VA has 272 pharmacy training programs—postgraduate year one (PGY1), postgraduate year two (PGY2), and fellowship—with 628 residency positions.
- Pharmacy residents can be licensed in any state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia when practicing at the VA. Find a location that offers a PGY1 and the PGY2 you are interested in and apply! Early commit to the PGY2 (best advice)!
- VA PGY2 programs are extensive with the largest offerings in ambulatory care and psychiatric pharmacy.

VA Residency Programs
PGY1 Pharmacy
PGY1/PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy
PGY2 Cardiology Pharmacy
PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy
PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy
PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership
PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy
PGY2 Internal Medicine Pharmacy
PGY2 Medication-Use Safety and Policy
PGY2 Neurology
PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy
PGY2 Palliative Care/Pain Management Pharmacy
PGY2 Pharmacy Informatics
PGY2 Pharmacy Outcomes/Healthcare Analytics
PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy

- VA trains more pharmacists for a career in research every year through VAMedSafe and Infectious Disease fellowship programs. All those black box warnings from the FDA are identified through VAMedSafe in conjunction with the Departments of Defense and Health and Human Services. Train with VA!! You will see just how influential VA is and what terrific jobs VA graduates hold.
- All of VA’s pharmacy residency training programs are ASHP accredited.
- The VA serves both male and female veterans, ranging from young to elderly, with a wide variety of acute and chronic disease states that are managed by clinical pharmacy specialists. VA clinical pharmacy specialists practice at the top of their licenses under a broad scope of practice that includes, but is not limited to the following disease states:

Anticoagulation	HIV
Hypertension	Pain
Diabetes	Opioid Use Disorder
Heart Failure	Smoking Cessation
COPD	Obesity
Psychiatric Disorders	Alcohol Use Disorder

- One in every 8 clinically trained pharmacists is trained at the VA!

Feedback from 2019 VA Residents:

- 96% agree their training was tailored to their learning preferences
- 96% stated their preceptors served as strong role models for the provision of direct patient care
- 92% felt like an integral part of the health care team
- 94% felt the residency provided them with the experience necessary for their career
- 95% wanted to stay within VA post-residency
- 98% would select VA residencies again!

Take some time to look at the VA residency program brochures using the following link.

<https://www.pbm.va.gov/education/vapharmacyresidencyprogram.asp>

VA offers a wide variety of pharmacy residency training programs across the country that afford residents the opportunity to train with some of the best residency program directors and preceptors in the country. See for yourself all that VA has to offer and I'm confident you will agree. Thank you for considering a VA residency as part your career path!

Sincerely,

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