



Post-Graduate Year One (PGY1)
PHARMACY PRACTICE RESIDENCY

at VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE

Philosophy

At VA Pittsburgh, we believe pharmacy graduates must possess the highest level of knowledge and skills essential to competent pharmacy practice. Our PGY1 residency instills a philosophy of practice in which pharmacists are responsible and accountable for optimal drug-therapy outcomes.

Organized and directed, our postgraduate training program develops the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to promote rational drug therapy. Residents conceptualize, integrate and transform accumulated experiences and knowledge into improved drug therapy.

At VA Pittsburgh we strive to recognize and incorporate equity, diversity and inclusion in our program and practice.

Purpose

Pharmacists who complete VA Pittsburgh's PGY1 residency function as independent, competent members of health care teams. They are capable of ensuring optimal medication-therapy outcomes in any setting, and can effectively educate patients, students and health care professionals on drug-related topics.

Mature professionals and leaders, our graduates improve the safe and effective use of medications, demonstrate commitment to the profession through research and community service, employ critical thinking skills and strategies for lifelong learning, and communicate and manage time effectively in all areas of pharmacy practice.

RESIDENCY EXPERIENCE

Our PGY1 residency integrates acute and ambulatory care, drug information and practice management. It is tailored to each resident to provide the basic foundation for the highest level of clinical pharmacy practice. Under the guidance of VA clinical faculty, residents gain invaluable experience in internal medicine, geriatrics, infectious disease, critical care, hematology/oncology, anticoagulation, drug information, administration, ambulatory care, transplant, surgery, pharmacoconomics, drug use evaluation, experiential education, and pharmacy and therapeutics committee functions.

Residents participate in journal club, prepare pharmacy newsletters and present staff and patient education. Core rotations are five weeks. Elective rotations are four weeks long.



REQUIRED ROTATIONS

- Ambulatory Care
- Critical Care (MICU/SICU/CCU)
- Infectious Disease
- Anticoagulation
- Internal Medicine
- Behavioral Health

LONGITUDINAL ROTATIONS

- Geriatrics
- Residency Project
- Practice Management
- Staffing

AVAILABLE ELECTIVES

- Academic Detailing
- Cardiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Endocrinology
- Geriatrics
- Hematology/Oncology
- Pain
- Pharmacogenomics
- Renal
- Rheumatology
- Transplant
- Whole Health
- Women's Health
- Any required rotation

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Resident project
- Seminar presentations
- Staffing (4 hour weeknight shift and 8 hour weekend shift-12 hours total- every 3rd week)
- Teaching opportunities

BENEFITS

- Competitive stipend
- 13 each vacation and sick days (4 hours earned per pay period)
- 10 paid federal holidays
- Educational leave for professional meetings
- Health and life insurance
- Personal office space, desk and computer
- Free parking
- Access to many clinical pharmacist preceptors
- Residency tailored to each resident's goals

TO APPLY



Qualified applicants are:

- U.S. citizens.
- Graduates or eligible for graduation from an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy (ACPE)-accredited college of pharmacy.
- Licensed or eligible for licensure as a pharmacist in any state.
- Bound by the rules of the Resident Matching Program (RMP) process.
- Registered to apply through PhORCAS.
- Open to participating in an on-site or virtual interview.

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Number of positions: 3

**Application deadline:
January 10**

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**To apply, submit
through PhORCAS:**

- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- Pharmacy college transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation

Applicants who will not be interviewed will be notified by March 1.

VA Pittsburgh, University Drive campus



VA Pittsburgh, H.J. Heinz III campus



ABOUT VA PITTSBURGH

Inpatient and outpatient services include internal medicine, gastroenterology, cardiology, neurology, pulmonary medicine, hematology, oncology, geriatrics, transplantation, urology, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, neurosurgery and general, vascular, cardiothoracic and orthopedic surgery.

- Two campuses
- PGY1 residency
- 146-bed tertiary referral center for VA facilities in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia
- 225 intermediate/long-term care beds
- 78 psychiatric beds
- 65 domiciliary beds
- Teaching hospital affiliated with University of Pittsburgh

ABOUT THE CITY

Pittsburgh is a major metropolitan city located in southwestern Pennsylvania ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the Best Places to Live in the U.S. It is known for its storied professional sports teams, its arts and culture scene, its universities and world-class attractions and amenities.

- PNC Park
- Acrisure Stadium
- Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium
- Duquesne Incline
- Andy Warhol Museum
- National Aviary
- Cathedral of Learning's Nationality Classrooms
- Strip District (shopping)



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