

**VA – Memphis, TN – Lt. Col. Luke Weathers, Jr. VA Medical Center  
Post Graduate Year Two Pharmacy Residency - Ambulatory Care**

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Memphis, Tennessee 38105



ASHP Program Code: 54053  
ASHP Match Number: 735465

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**Statement of Purpose:**

The purpose of the VAMC Memphis PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Program is to build on the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and PGY-1 pharmacy residency program to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in Ambulatory Care. Residents will have opportunities to function independently as practitioners and work collaboratively as a member of the healthcare team by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and incorporating both into the provision of patient care that optimizes medication therapy. The PGY-2 Ambulatory Care resident will exercise proficiency in communication and education of other health care professionals, patients and the community. Upon completion of the PGY-2 Ambulatory Care residency, the resident will be prepared to establish collaborative interdisciplinary ambulatory care practices, possess competencies that qualify them for clinical pharmacist and/or faculty positions and position them to be eligible for attainment of board certification in Ambulatory Care (BCACP).

**Overview:**

The Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center provides comprehensive healthcare to Veterans and is directly involved in the education of healthcare professionals. Pharmacy services at the VAMC Memphis have been developed to meet the needs of a large institution while anticipating future pharmacists' roles. There are 50 Clinical Pharmacy Specialists practicing throughout the hospital and outpatient clinics providing direct patient care as well as consultations as part of ongoing pharmaceutical care services. Since 1963, pharmacy residency training at the VAMC Memphis has allowed residents to participate at an advanced level of practice in an environment that not only accepts their contribution to patient drug therapy, but expects it.

**Program:**

The VAMC Memphis PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency is a 12-month training program. This program is a post-Doctor of Pharmacy program to be completed after an ASHP accredited PGY1 residency. The goal of this residency is to facilitate pharmacist growth and develop the clinical knowledge and experience necessary to provide pharmaceutical care to ambulatory patients. The resident will function independently and collaboratively with team members to achieve optimal drug therapy outcomes. The resident will have the opportunity to create and implement a clinical service, develop practice management skills, participate in several educational programs, provide lectures, precept students and participate in the teaching learning program. Residents will also participate in projects that will improve patient care. Training schedules include flexibility to allow residents to pursue areas of personal interest.

**Summary:**

Type/Duration	Pharmacy Post Graduate Year Two (PGY-2) Residency/12 months
Number of Positions:	2
Application Deadline:	January 2
Starting Date:	June 30
Estimated Stipend:	\$51,318
Interview Required:	Yes

**General application requirements:** U.S. Citizenship and Pharm.D. from ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy

**PhORCAS application requirements:** CV, college of pharmacy transcripts, letter of intent, three letters of recommendation (clinical); submit application at <https://portal.phorcas.org>; onsite interview with formal presentation

**Fringe Benefits:**

Two and one-half weeks paid vacation and sick leave plus federal holidays

Participation in VA Plans/Programs (health, disability and long-term care insurance)

Three days paid interview leave and paid leave to attend and participate in state and national pharmacy meetings

### **Program Structure – Rotations and Learning Experiences:**

- Orientation to all aspects of the health system’s pharmacy services, residency and PharmAcademic
- Core required learning experiences:
  - Pharmacotherapy Clinic I (8 weeks)
  - Pharmacotherapy Clinic II (8 weeks)
  - Pharmacotherapy Clinic III (8 weeks)
  - Anticoagulation (4 weeks)
  - Primary Care Mental Health Integration (4 weeks)
  - Pharmacy Practice Management (4 weeks)
- Required, year-long, continuous learning experiences
  - Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring and Formulary Management
  - Outpatient Operational Staffing on a rotating basis
  - Management of outpatient clinical consults
  - IRB approved research project with opportunity to publish results
  - Pharmacotherapy Presentations
  - Resident Pharmacotherapy Clinic
  - Teaching/Precepting
- Elective rotations (4 weeks):
  - Ambulatory Care
  - Home Based Primary Care/Spinal Cord Injury
  - Inpatient Palliative Care
  - Outpatient Pain Management
  - Internal Medicine/Transitions of Care
  - Geriatrics (long-term care)
  - Advanced Mental Health
  - Staffing (inpatient or outpatient)
  - Pharmacogenomics/Academic Detailing
  - Substance Use Disorder
- On a rotating basis, each resident serves as Chief Resident concurrent with other rotations.

Official Website



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### **Additional information:**

- ❖ Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than the third week of February
- ❖ This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.
- ❖ Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of a physical exam, including negative drug test. Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment. Residents are required to obtain a pharmacist’s license in any state by September 1<sup>st</sup>.