

# VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System Postgraduate Year One Pharmacy Residency

The VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System (TVHS) is an integrated healthcare organization comprised of two campuses in Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and over 13 community-based outpatient clinics located throughout middle Tennessee and southern Kentucky. The system is affiliated with Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and Meharry Medical College as well as schools of pharmacy at the University of Tennessee, Samford University, Belmont University, and Lipscomb University. Between the two medical center campuses, there is an extensive range of medical and clinical pharmacy services that allows for the optimal training and teaching environment.

The ASHP-accredited Postgraduate Year One (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency at the VA TVHS began in 1991 and has greatly



Nashville Campus

expanded since that time. Residents rotate through experiences at the two campuses during the year and will develop the knowledge and skills required to become a competent clinical practitioner. Having more than 60 Clinical Pharmacy Specialists on staff to precept, residents get to experience many different practice areas including critical care, ambulatory care, psychiatry, pharmacoconomics, geriatrics, etc. With preceptors who are board-certified in their practice area, actively involved in national pharmacy organizations, and/or



working to contribute to medical literature through publications/research, residents get the extraordinary ability to work with clinical pharmacy specialists practicing at the top of their respective fields and see how our pharmacy services positively influence the health of the veterans we care for. In addition to the 8 PGY1 Pharmacy Residency positions, VA TVHS offers 2 Ambulatory Care PGY2 positions, 2 Psychiatry PGY2 positions, 2 Pain Management PGY2 positions, and 1 Cardiology PGY2 position.

## Benefits:

Healthcare insurance, optional dental and vision insurance plans, 13 vacation days, 10 paid holidays, sick leave, and administrative leave for professional meetings

## Residency Strengths:

- Exposure to various clinical practice settings
- Flexible rotations tailored to resident's interest areas
- Interdisciplinary team rounds
- Direct patient care/disease management clinics
- Experience with clinical privileges
- Supportive and collaborative research training
- Precepting of Pharm.D. students
- Availability of PGY2 Pharmacy Residency Programs in Ambulatory Care, Cardiology, Pain Management, and Psychiatry
- Living in and around Nashville, better known as "Music City USA" and home of the Tennessee Titans NFL and Nashville Predators NHL teams

## Application Requirements:

- Applicants must have completed a Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum from an accredited school of pharmacy with a GPA of 3.2 or above and have no "D's" in their therapeutics courses. Only applicants from ACPE-accredited or pending accreditation schools of pharmacy will be reviewed and considered for an interview.
- All applicants must participate in the ASHP Residency Matching Process.
- All applicants must have U.S. citizenship.

## Application Materials Required PhORCAS

- Letter of intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- Official college of pharmacy transcript
- Three (3) letters of recommendation using standard template in PhORCAS (no longer requiring formal letters of recommendation)

## Application Deadline: December 31<sup>st</sup>

*(Notification of an interview date will occur no later than February 15th. An interview is required for all qualified applicants.)*

## Program Number: 191013

For more information go to [http://www.tennesseevalley.va.gov/careers/Pharmacy\\_PGY1\\_Program.asp](http://www.tennesseevalley.va.gov/careers/Pharmacy_PGY1_Program.asp) or contact

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