



# VA Salt Lake City Health Care System

## Postgraduate Year 1 (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency

### VA Salt Lake City (VASLCHCS) Residency Programs:

The VASLCHCS offers three ASHP accredited programs:

- PGY1 Pharmacy Residency
- PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency
- PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency

The goal for these 12 month post graduate experiences is to further advance the resident's knowledge, skills, and confidence in clinical practice pharmacy settings.

### PGY1 Program:

There are three PGY1 positions at the VASLCHCS. We offer a traditional program emphasizing acute and ambulatory care clinical learning experiences. The goal is to prepare residents for acute and ambulatory pharmacy careers, adjunct faculty positions, or further PGY2 training.

### PGY1 Program Purpose:

The PGY1 pharmacy residency program builds on Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) school education. The purpose is to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions. Upon completion of the residency, residents will be eligible for board certification in pharmacotherapy and PGY2 pharmacy residency training.

**VA Mission Statement:** *To fulfill President Lincoln's promise "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan" by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's veterans. The medical center aspires to this goal by providing exceptional health care and improving the wellbeing of our Veterans.*

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## PGY1 Residency Rotation Description:

The residency program has both required core and elective learning experiences. There are six required core electives, two six month longitudinal rotations, and four electives to pursue clinical interests and customize their PGY1. As needed, the residency program will network with other sites (University of Utah, Poison Control Center, and Intermountain Health Care Systems) to provide additional specialty care rotations not available at the VASLCHCS. These affiliated site rotations must be accredited by approved reviewing body (ie: the Joint Commission) and are subject to preceptor, site, and licensing availability.

### 2022-2023 PGY1 Residents

Matthew Haas, Sarah Brown, Lindsey Hannibal

## PGY1 Program Curriculum

Orientation	Rotation Duration
Human Resources/Orientation	1 week

Core Rotations	Rotation Duration
VA Systems (Inpatient and Outpatient Pharmacy)	3 weeks
Internal Medicine	6 weeks
Primary Care	6 weeks
Critical Care (Medical ICU or Surgical ICU)	4 weeks
Management	4 weeks
Inpatient Psychiatric Unit (IPU)	4 weeks

Longitudinal Rotations	Rotation Duration
Inpatient Pharmacy Staffing	August-December: 2.5 hours/week
Ambulatory Care	January-June: 4 hours/week

Elective Rotations (choose 4) Duration= 4 weeks		
Acute Care Electives	Ambulatory Care Electives	Mental Health Electives
Acute Care Cardiology	Anticoagulation Clinic	Outpatient Mental Health
Acute Care Surgery	Geriatrics Specialty Clinic	Pain Clinic
Advanced Heart Failure/ Cardiac Transplant *	Hematology/Oncology	Poison Control Center
Emergency Department	Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)	Primary Care- Substance Use Disorder/Opioid Safety Initiative
Infectious Disease*	Palliative Care/Oncology*	Services for Outpatient Addiction Recovery (SOAR)
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R)*	Women's Clinic	Substance Abuse Recovery and Rehab Treatment Program (SARRTP)*

\*Rotations that have both inpatient and outpatient components



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## Other PGY1 Experiences:

- Weekend clinical staffing (*every third weekend*)
- Traditional research/quality improvement project
- Medication use evaluation
- Poster at ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting\*
- Project presentation at Mountain States Regional Residency Conference\*
- ACPE certified continuing education presentation
- BLS (*required*) and ACLS (*optional*) certificate
- Report on Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) quarterly to Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) committee meeting
- Monthly leadership seminar with PGY2 residents
- Teaching certificate (*optional*)

\* Indicates conferences PGY1s attended 2021-2022 year. May be subject to



## 2022-2023 PGY1 and PGY2 Residents

(Left to Right) Christopher Eppich, Dominic Cheung, Omeid Vadipour, Gursimran Kaur, Matthew Haas, Sarah Brown, Lindsey Hannibal

# VASLCHCS PGY1 Salary and Benefits



## VA Pharmacy Resident Salary and Benefits:

The residents in are considered a federal full-time employee with a salary and benefit package. Salary is paid by the VA Office of Academic affiliations and rates may increase depending on the current year allocation rate. In addition, residents accrue annual/sick leave and other benefits listed below:

- **Salary:** PGY1 2022 stipend was \$41,742
- **Moonlighting:** moonlighting is allowed with approval of Residency Advisory Committee (RAC) so long as total worked hours (including residency hours) does not exceed 80hours/wk.
- **Dual Appointment:** Not guaranteed. We submitted for funding for resident dual appointment pending facility approval.
- **Health Benefits:** Information on Federal Employment Benefits can be accessed via the following link:  
[http://www.opm.gov/insure/new\\_employ/index.asp?ProgramEd=1](http://www.opm.gov/insure/new_employ/index.asp?ProgramEd=1)
  - Health benefits include Government Health Care Medical Plan and option for dental and life insurance
- **Retirement Benefits:** the resident is not vested and does not have a 401K or matching fund benefit during residency year
- **Holidays:** 11 paid holidays
- **Leave:** both annual and sick leave accrue at 4 hours per pay period (every 2 weeks).
  - Approximately 13 days of annual leave and 13 days of sick leave per year
- **Travel:** travel stipend for ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Mountain States Regional Residency Conference\*

\* Indicates conferences PGY1s attended 2021-2022 year. May be subject to change

**Diversity Statement:** We strive to pursue diversity in all its varied expressions, including but not limited to gender, race, ethnicity, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Our goal is to provide a training environment that fosters the success of residents to provide culturally competent care and become inclusive of the population they serve as well as create a clinical environment that provides high quality healthcare.



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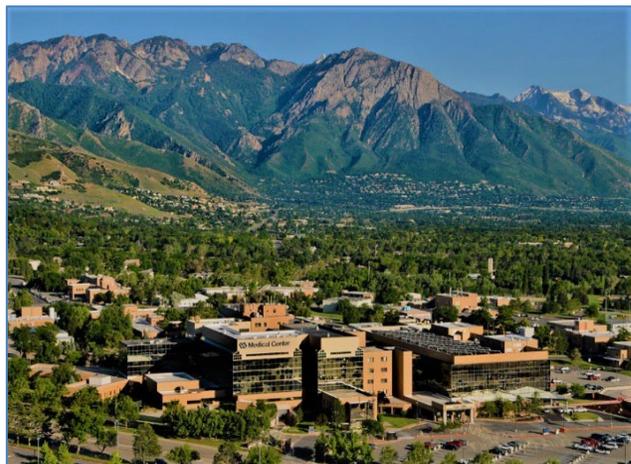
# Why Choose VASLCHCS Residency?

## About VASLCHCS:

Located on a 70 acre campus situated at the foot of the Wasatch mountain range, the George E. Wahlen Department of Veteran Affairs is a 121 bed tertiary care facility serving Veterans residing within a 25,000 square mile radius within VISN 19. The VASLCHCS is closely affiliated with the University of Utah and Intermountain Healthcare Systems.

## As a resident you can expect:

- A wide variety of available rotations
- To be well integrated and respected among medical teams
- To participate in evidence and guideline-based medicine
- To engage in daily direct patient care activities including rounds, clinical appointments, group classes, etc.
- To practice under a preceptor with full scope of practice
- Great opportunities for post-residency employment within the VA
- To practice with any state pharmacy license
- To practice with high quality and invested preceptors



## Living in Salt Lake City

### About Salt Lake City:

“Life Elevated” – Salt Lake City is located between two mountain ranges, the Wasatch Mountains to the East and the Oquirrh Mountains to the West.

Combining the amenities of a major metropolitan area with the friendliness of a small western city, Salt Lake City is an ideal place to live. A beautiful and vibrant city, Salt Lake combines unparalleled access to natural recreation, a bustling economy, dynamic nightlife, and Utah’s Greatest Snow on Earth. Utah offers five national parks, miles of mountain biking trails and 13 down-hill ski resorts (10 of them less than an hour drive from downtown).

Numerous restaurants, shops, malls, theatres, and outdoor concerts make Salt Lake City an exciting place to live. In addition to professional sporting teams, the city hosts its own symphony and film festivals. No matter what your taste in music or entertainment, you are likely to find something to suit you in and around the city.



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### Website:

<https://www.va.gov/salt-lake-city-health-care/work-with-us/internships-and-fellowships/pharmacy-residency-programs/>



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