



## **HERSHEL “WOODY” WILLIAMS VA MEDICAL CENTER HUNTINGTON, WV**

### **PGY-1 PHARMACY RESIDENCY**

**Residency Program Director: Jamie Allman, Pharm.D., BCPS**  
**Pharmacy Director: Chris Waugh, Pharm.D.**

#### **Program Overview**

The Hershel “Woody” Williams VA Medical Center PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency was established in 1993 and is designed to develop the practice skills of a pharmacy graduate in a broad range of clinical settings. The residency provides substantial learning opportunities and stimulates professional growth. The residency will develop the resident's competence, skills, and application of drug therapy while providing multiple opportunities to transform accumulated experiences and knowledge into improved drug therapy outcomes.

The residency focuses on cultivation of clinical evaluation and decision-making skills through applied pharmacotherapeutic principles. Areas of focus include acute patient care, ambulatory patient care, drug information, drug use policy development, and practice management.

Inpatient clinical activities include participation in daily rounds and interventions with critical care, internal medicine and surgical teams. The pharmacy service has an excellent rapport with the physicians and various other services throughout the medical center to enhance patient care and optimize drug therapy. Ambulatory care clinical pharmacy specialists provide disease state management include hyperlipidemia, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, heart failure, and anticoagulation. Patient education including smoking cessation.

The clinical pharmacy staff is composed of twenty-one clinical pharmacy specialists: three devoted to inpatient services, six in Ambulatory Care at the main facility, two in Home Based Primary Care, one in Psychiatry, one Formulary specialist, one Pain Specialists, one Academic Detailer, one in Geriatrics, and five providing care to our rural health Veterans at the Charleston, Gallipolis, Lenore and Prestonsburg satellite clinics.

#### **Facilities**

The Hershel “Woody” Williams VA Medical Center is an 80 bed university affiliated medical center providing acute medical and surgical inpatient care. The medical center has an ambulatory care program consisting of both primary and specialized outpatient services which receive over 330,000 patient visits per year. The integration of inpatient and outpatient treatment modalities assures a continuity of medical care for patients.

Four satellite outpatient clinics located near Prestonsburg, KY, Charleston, WV, Gallipolis, OH, and Lenore, WV provide non-emergent general medical services to veterans in eastern Kentucky, southeastern Ohio, and central West Virginia.

The affiliation with Marshall University School of Medicine places the medical center in the role of a training site for residents and fellows in internal medicine, cardiology, pulmonology, endocrinology, infectious disease, hematology-oncology, pulmonary diseases, pathology, and general surgery.

The Pharmacy Service offers twenty four hour pharmacy services in both inpatient and outpatients prescription services. Clinical pharmacy specialists include formulary management, ambulatory care services, inpatient rounding, mental health, pain management, and geriatric care. Clinical pharmacy specialists are active with the drug information services, pharmacokinetics service, targeted antimicrobial therapy monitoring, quality assurance measures, research, and drug use evaluation programs.

### **Clinical Rotation Choices**

The residency is a twelve month post-graduate program which begins at the end of June each year. The goals and objectives of each rotation are designed to meet or exceed ASHP standards, while allowing enough flexibility to develop the specific interests of the resident. The following rotations are available.

- Orientation (Exposure to Inpatient, Outpatient, Various Clinics, and Clinical Pearl Boot camps in July)
- Ambulatory Care Clinics
- Infectious Disease/Pharmacokinetics
- Formulary Management/ Informatics
- Internal Medicine
- Home Based Primary Care
- Geriatrics
- Anticoagulation
- Psychiatry
- Elective (Pain Management, Academic Detailing, Infectious Disease, Inpatient)

### **Longitudinal Training**

- Management
- Staffing: Inpatient/Outpatient, Discharge Counseling, Drug Information
- Teaching Certification Program

### **Benefits**

- 13 Paid Vacation Days
- 13 Paid Sick Days
- 10 Paid Federal Holidays
- Travel allowances to ASHP and Spring Residency Conference
- Federal Health Insurance

### **Stipend**

- \$41,641

### **Social Activities / Local Attractions**

- Marshall University ([www.marshall.edu](http://www.marshall.edu))
- Pullman Square ([www.pullman-square.com](http://www.pullman-square.com))
- Ritter Park ([www.ghprd.org](http://www.ghprd.org))
- Marshall Artist Series ([www.marshall.edu/muartser](http://www.marshall.edu/muartser))
- Hiking/Biking Trails ([www.wvtrails.com](http://www.wvtrails.com))
- Whitewater rafting ([www.wvexplorer.com](http://www.wvexplorer.com))
- Snow Skiing ([www.skiingwv.com](http://www.skiingwv.com))
- City of Huntington ([www.CityofHuntington.com](http://www.CityofHuntington.com))

### **Eligibility**

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, graduate of an accredited school of pharmacy, and hold an active pharmacy license or be eligible for licensure in any U.S. state or territory. Applicant should have a strong desire to develop clinical skills in providing pharmaceutical care. Applicants must submit the following to be eligible for an interview.

**Application materials include the following:**

- Curriculum Vitae
- Official Transcripts
- Three Letters of Recommendations
- Letter of intent describing your personal goals for completing a residency, reasons the Hershel “Woody” Williams VA Medical Center would be a great match for you, and what strengths you bring to our residency

**Application Deadline: January 1, 2022**

**\*\*\*Application materials must be uploaded to PhORCAS by January 1, 2021 to be considered a valid residency application.\*\*\***

**Contact RPD with Questions:**

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*Note:* The Hershel “Woody” Williams VA Medical Center PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant and abide by the ASHP Match rules and regulations. Candidates who will be interviewed will be notified by February 15, 2022.

