

Dear Pharmacy Residency Applicant,

Post-Graduate Year 1 (PGY1) pharmacy residency with the Veterans Affairs (VA) Salt Lake City Health Care System (HCS) is a 12-month ASHP accredited program. Two (2) positions are available at Salt Lake City and one (1) is based out of our Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in Pocatello, Idaho.

We incorporate VA's *three* core guiding principles - *people centric, result driven* and *forward thinking* in all learning experiences to develop pharmaceutical care and professional competencies. As a result our graduates are well prepared to provide effective, value-driven pharmaceutical care to America's veterans and others.

Core curriculum for Salt Lake City residents consists of drug-information, medicine, primary care, critical care, psychiatry, and pharmacy management. The *core curriculum* for CBOC based resident includes drug-information, acute care, and pharmacy management while resident typically spends most of their time in primary care. All residents are introduced to the inpatient and outpatient pharmacy operations and informatics during their program orientation at the Salt Lake City. We offer *elective* learning experiences in infectious disease, surgery, rehabilitation medicine, pain management, addiction medicine, pharmacoeconomics etc. *Off-site* learning experiences are also offered to accommodate specific training goals.

We solely use the Residency Learning System (RLS) approach to evaluate and enable the resident to become proficient in delivery of pharmaceutical care as established within the ASHP practice standards.

Residents complete a *research project*, and present findings at the Western States Pharmacy Residency Conference. Salt Lake City residents are generally required to prepare and present a *continuing education* credit program. Pocatello resident prepares and gives a power point presentation on a therapeutics topic at the annual VA pharmacy residency summit. Residents have the opportunity to present patient cases and journal clubs, review medication safety reports before the pharmacy & therapeutics committee and perform drug utilization evaluations. Our *staffing requirement* for Salt Lake City residents includes 1-weekend day shifts per month that typically starts in October. Staffing requirements for CBOC resident is built in their learning experience. All residents reconcile medications and address various pharmaceutical care needs of veterans during their staffing. We do not require residents to any perform distributive functions. Residents complete an *ACLS certification* early in the residency year and are eligible to participate with the code blue response team while on their critical care rotation.

Residents are considered federal employees; they receive a competitive stipend, health insurance and paid leave (vacation, sick and holidays) per VA policies. We provide office space, computer and printer, office supplies, medical media support and free parking. We also offer financial assistance and administrative leave for attending selected professional meetings. Residents obtain pharmacist license from a state within 60 days of appointment; failure to obtain pharmacist license within 90 days of program is a ground for termination.

Interested applicants should submit the following documents on or before the deadline:

1. Letter of interest stating their *three* (3) most important professional goals (*must be signed*)
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Residency application
4. Transcripts
5. *Three* (3) recommendation forms

Recommendation forms and residency application may requested from: Ravindra.Pathak@va.gov OR down loaded from our ASHP site listing.

Sincerely,

Ravi Pathak, PharmD, BCPS

Associate Chief, Clinical Pharmacy & Education

Residency Description

This is a one-year, pharmacy practice residency offered by the VA Salt Lake City Health Care System (VASLCHCS). It is designed to prepare pharmacists for advanced level practice in an ambulatory care setting. The resident will gain extensive experience in chronic disease state management while caring for patients with diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, anti-coagulant therapy, and chronic pain. We are looking for motivated individuals with a commitment to patient care. This residency is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists as a PGY1 residency.

Goals and Objectives

Our mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well being. The purpose of this residency is to produce a pharmacy practitioner with the knowledge, skills, abilities, and confidence to provide advance level pharmaceutical care to patients in a primary care ambulatory care setting. The following are the expectations for our resident:

- Develop skills at chronic disease management in the areas of diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, anticoagulation, and pain management
- Achieve confidence and ability to work collaboratively with other health care providers, patients, and caregivers
- Develop the ability to educate others effectively thru a variety of experiences
- Identify pharmacotherapy goals that are evidence-based, cost-effective and integrate patient specific data and safety
- Gain self-confidence, direction, and leadership while improving professionally in order to contribute to the advancement of the profession

Training Site

The training site for this residency is based at one of our Community Based Outpatient Clinics located in Pocatello, ID. This clinic is a free standing unit of the VASLCHCS. It sees a typical Veteran population of approximately 40 general medicine patients per day and deals primarily with chronic maintenance care. A limited amount of urgent care is also provided. In addition, the clinic serves as a training site for Idaho State University health professions students. The clinic is staffed by three physicians, one nurse practitioner, one physician assistant, two pharmacists, and several nurses. All patient records and order entry are computerized. In addition to facilitating record retrieval, the computer system provides an efficient form of communication between the pharmacy resident and health care providers. This training site is notable for providing a highly collaborative, team-oriented environment.

Resident Duties and Responsibilities

The resident will have extensive patient contact throughout the program. The following are the program requirements for successful completion:

- Orientation and training in Salt Lake City
- Inpatient general medicine/critical care rotation at Portneuf Hospital (associated with Idaho State University Family Medicine)
- Perform approximately seven scheduled patient appointments per week, as referred by clinic prescribers
- Respond to clinic consults for assistance in pain management
- Participate in anticoagulation clinic patient monitoring
- Complete 8 weeks of case study teaching with option to teach additional didactics at ISU
- Complete research project and present findings at Western States Conference for Pharmacy Residents

General Requirements

- Pharm.D. degree from an ACPE accredited College of Pharmacy
- Active pharmacist license or eligibility in any state
- U.S. citizenship
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Successfully pass drug screening and federal background investigation
- Participate in the ASHP Resident Matching Program (<http://www.natmatch.com>)

Stipend

Residents receive a competitive annual stipend, 13 paid holidays, sick leave, health care benefit package, free parking, office space, travel stipends to attend one national professional meeting, and one regional residency conference.



Location

Pocatello is the second largest city in Idaho. It is located on Interstate 15 about 140 miles north of Salt Lake City, Utah. Pocatello offers an excellent lifestyle and low cost of living. Located in southeastern Idaho, three hours north of Salt Lake City and four hours east of Boise. It is in close proximity to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Idaho is renowned for its outdoor recreation opportunities.

Positions Available

One. Begins third week of June.

Application Requirements

- A letter of interest stating your three most important professional goals
- Completed pharmacy practice residency application
- Curriculum vitae
- Official pharmacy school transcripts
- Three completed recommendation forms
- Mail application to residency program director

Deadline: January 20, 2012

An on-site interview is required. Candidate may also be interviewed at Salt Lake City location upon request.



Residency Program Director

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College of Pharmacy.

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VA SALT LAKE CITY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

PGY 1 Pharmacy Residency Program

**Pocatello Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC),
Pocatello, ID**

Program Preceptors

Abril (Abby) Atherton, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Atherton is a PGY2 psychiatry residency program director at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy and Bachelor of Science degrees from the University of Utah, and completed a pharmacy residency at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. Her practice site includes a 21-bed psychiatric unit; she also manages suboxone therapy for opioid dependence, and approves non-formulary/restricted medications. She mentors pharmacy students and residents, and teaches psychiatric therapeutics to pharmacy students at the University of Utah. She provides medication information to veterans and their families, medical center staff, and conducts research; she also contributes to the P&T committee. Her professional memberships include ASHP, ACCP and CPNP; she also serves in the Residency Advisory Committee of our multisite residency programs, and is actively involved in the recruiting, training and orientation of pharmacy residents.

JoEtte Ballard, PharmD

Dr. Ballard is a pharmacist at the Pocatello CBOC. She conducts medication review and diabetic teaching, counsels patients on smoking cessation, and provides drug information to staff, veterans and their families. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy from Idaho State University (ISU). After graduation, she completed a geriatric residency followed by a fellowship at the ISU College of Pharmacy/Idaho State Veteran's Nursing Home. During this time, she precepted pharmacy student and taught therapeutic case studies at the ISU.

Eliza Borzadek, RN, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Borzadek is an assistant professor at the ISU Collage of Pharmacy. Her practice sites are Pocatello Family Medicine (FM), and Portneuf Medical Center where she conducts in-patient acute care rounds. She precepts medical and pharmacy students, and pharmacy residents during their internal medicine clerkship in both in-patient and ambulatory care settings. She strives hard to combine she skills from both pharmacy and nursing in various patient care settings such as acute care, infectious disease, chronic disease management, and geriatric. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from ISU and completed a pharmacotherapy residency at the Pocatello FM. She is serves as a co-

investigator in several clinical trials and outcomes research studies in cardiology. Her professional memberships include ACCP, ASHP (including Idaho Chapter of ASHP). Dr. Borzadek is the pharmacotherapy residency program coordinator and has been actively involved in recruiting, orienting, and training pharmacy residents.

Angie Casperson, PharmD

Dr. Casperson is a pharmacist and a hazardous materials coordinator at the Pocatello CBOC. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the ISU. Her pharmacy practice interests include medication management of hypertension, hyperlipidemia, diabetes, smoking cessation, anti-coagulation and pain management. She is an adjunct faculty at ISU, mentors pharmacy students, and facilitates orientation of PGY1 pharmacy residents at the CBOC. She is a member of the Southeast Idaho Pharmacy Association.

Terri Evans, PharmD

Dr. Evans is a clinical pharmacist in pharmacoeconomics at the VA Salt Lake City HCS; she is responsible for pharmacoeconomic program development, implementation, monitoring and reporting. Prior to assuming this role, her clinical practice included management of diabetes, hypertension and lipids. She is also involved in reviewing non-formulary requests, protocol development, management of strategic initiatives and target medications, and development of algorithms to contain pharmaceutical costs while ensuring quality patient care. She is the secretary of the VA Salt Lake City HCS P&T Committee and also serves as a member of the RAC of our residency programs. She is a member of the Veterans Integrated Service Network 19 Pharmacy Benefits Management team and an adjunct faculty member as a preceptor for the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy. Dr. Evans received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Utah and completed a pharmacy residency. Subsequently, she also completed a specialty residency in drug information at the Scott and White Memorial Hospital at Temple, through the University of Texas Austin and San Antonio.

Christine Holman, PharmD

Dr. Holman is a clinical pharmacy specialist at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. Her clinical practice interests include specialty clinic such as geriatrics, cardiac risk reduction and smoking cessation. In addition to her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Utah, Dr. Holman has a Bachelor of Science degree in microbiology from Weber State University. She worked at the University of Utah as a cytogeneticist before earning her Doctor of Pharmacy degree and completing a pharmacy practice residency at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. She is a member of the Residency Advisory Committee of our residency programs, and her professional memberships includes ACCP and ASHP.

Julie Lawless, RN-BC, CACP

Julie is the Administrative Officer for the northern region of the VA Salt Lake City HCS CBOCs, and telehealth/outreach clinics. She worked as an nurse case manager for the Pocatello CBOC prior to joining her current position. She manages CBOCs in Pocatello, ID and Ogden, UT as well as Telehealth outreach clinics in Idaho Falls, ID, Logan, UT, and Elko, NV. Julie obtained her nursing degree from the University of the State of New York, and a national board certification from the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AAACN). She is a Certified Anticoagulation Care Provider and a Retinal Imager. Julie is an affiliate faculty member at the ISU she regularly mentors and trains students and residents from various disciplines including pharmacy and nursing. She is dedicated to serving America's veteran by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. She is a member of the AAACN and Nurse Organization of Veteran's Affairs.

Ben Nichols, PharmD, MPH

Dr. Nichols is a quality assurance pharmacist and clinical program manager. He is responsible for ensuring pharmacy adherence to the national quality initiatives and directives regarding pharmacy best practice and operations. Dr. Nichols practices at a mental health clinics, coordinates the mental health intensive case management program, and approved non-formulary medications. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from ISU College of Pharmacy, Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Utah, and completed his PGY1 residency at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. Dr. Nichols serves as the primary preceptor for PGY1 residents during their outpatient rotation and longitudinal learning experience. He also serves as a member of the Residency Advisory Committee of our residency programs, and is actively involved in the recruitment, training and orientation of the pharmacy residents and students. Dr. Nichols is currently enrolled in a leadership development program offered by the Veterans Affairs.

Paul Otto, PharmD, CACP

Dr. Otto serves as the primary preceptor, residency program coordinator and point of contact for the PGY1 pharmacy residency program at the Pocatello CBOC. He serves in the VA Salt Lake City HCS Residency Advisory Committee and actively participates in the recruitment, training, orientation and mentoring of PGY1 pharmacy residents. He also precepts and mentors pharmacy residents and students from the ISU. As a clinician in primary care, his pharmacy practice interests include pharmacotherapeutic management of veterans with chronic metabolic diseases, pain management and anticoagulation. Dr. Otto earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the ISU and

completed his PGY1 pharmacy residency at the Pocatello CBOC and ISU. His professional memberships include ASHP, Southeast Idaho Pharmacy Association and Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists. He is a retired navy seal and he volunteers in veteran's events in south east Idaho.

Christopher Owens, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Owens is an associate professor and chairman of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Sciences at the ISU College of Pharmacy. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from ISU and completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency from Pocatello CBOC. His pharmacy practice includes metabolic diseases, anticoagulation, and diabetes. He serves as a pharmacotherapy resource for the patients and clinic staff at his practice site, the Health West Pocatello Clinic. He was named teacher of the year on numerous occasions from the ISU College of Pharmacy. Dr. Owens has also received many awards including Milan's excellence in pharmacy and American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education Scholar for advanced study in the pharmaceutical sciences. His instructional interests include Alzheimer's disease and neurodegenerative disorders, pain management, alternative and complementary medicine, and professionalism and medical ethics. He has published in the ethics literature as well as in the Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy and Clinical Therapeutics, detailing his work with the Idaho Medicaid Drug Utilization Reviews. He coordinates an academic rotation for fourth-year pharmacy students and pharmacy residents.

Ravindra (Ravi) Pathak, PharmD, PhD, BCPS

Dr. Pathak is the associate chief of pharmacy at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. He is also the chairman of the RAC, the residency program director, and precepts drug information and management core rotations. His practice interest includes pharmacotherapy of patients with metabolic and heart disease, and management. Dr. Pathak received his graduate degrees from Creighton University and Central Drug Research Institute; he completed residency with emphasis on adult acute care from Nebraska Medical Center, and postdoctoral training from UT Health Science Center at San Antonio. He conducted research on human gene transfer and the pharmacology of cholesterol metabolism. He is an adjunct professor of internal medicine at the UT Texas Southwestern Medical Center. He serves in various committees and boards including P&T, pharmacy standards, ethics, and education at the VA Salt Lake City HCS, and he is a board member of the western states residency conference. His professional memberships are in ACCP, ASHP and AHA. Dr. Pathak is an LVA alumnus, volunteers for the Federal Disaster Emergency Medical Personnel Service, and he is the first pharmacist in federal government to be competitively selected as a candidate for the Senior Executive Service.

Michelle Steed, PharmD, CDE

Dr. Michelle Steed is a clinical assistant professor at the department of pharmacy practice and administrative sciences at ISU College of Pharmacy. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from ISU and completed a pharmacotherapy residency with ISU Department of Family Medicine. Dr. Steed established an ambulatory care practice site in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho where she precepted students on their clerkship rotations. She provided pharmacy services to a Dirne Community Health Center, Kootenai Medical Center, and to a local VA CBOC. Her pharmacy practice and consulting interests are metabolic diseases, anticoagulation, mental health, pain management and polypharmacy. She recently moved to Idaho Falls and established an adult medicine/internal medicine practice at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center. In addition to precepting pharmacy students, she is also the Residency Coordinator for the new residency program being established at the hospital. Dr. Steed is on the board of directors as the professional affairs chair for Idaho Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists.

Christopher Young, PharmD, MBA, BCPS

Dr. Young is a clinical pharmacist; he is also the manager of inpatient pharmacy operations at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. His clinical practice interests include all aspects of inpatient pharmaceutical care, medication safety, and informatics. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy. He serves as the primary preceptor for PGY1 residents during their inpatient rotation; he also provides yearlong guidance in various pharmaceutical care areas including but not limited to pharmacy operations and management, informatics, patient safety, and research. Dr. Young is member of the Residency Advisory Committee and Pharmacy Standards Board. He actively participates in the recruitment and training of residents of our multisite residency programs.

2011-2012 PGY 1 Pharmacy Resident

Mary Venteicher, PharmD

Mary is a PGY-1 Pharmacy Resident at the Salt Lake City Health Care System's Pocatello Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Pocatello, ID. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from The University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Pharmacy in Omaha, NE. Her clinical practice interests include ambulatory care, diabetes, cardiology, and anticoagulation. Her goals after this year are: a) to obtain board certification in either Pharmacotherapy or Ambulatory Care; b) continue working in ambulatory care or establish a new collaborative practice clinic, and c) to precept students as well as teach.

Research Project: *Cost Effectiveness of Anticoagulation Point of Care Management vs. Outside Lab Contracts/Testing*