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Ambulatory Care/Education (PGY2) Specialty

Unique Experiences in the Heart of Indianapolis!

The Ambulatory Care PGY2 Programs available at the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center will allow residents to confidently perform as an independent practitioner in an ambulatory care setting, become an effective educator, preceptor, leader, and professional, and develop critical thinking and learning skills. There are two ambulatory care programs at the site. One is an exclusive Ambulatory Care program, while the other is an Ambulatory Care/Education program that is in partnership with the Department of Pharmacy Practice at both Purdue and Butler University. Both residencies emphasize balanced training in ambulatory care, education, and research. The programs serve to increase the knowledge, therapy management skills, and teaching and leadership skills in the area of ambulatory care and pharmacy education. Each curriculum is individualized to provide the resident an opportunity to confidently assume progressive clinical roles. Flexibility to accommodate many personal and professional goals for each resident is an important aspect of the residency program.

Both programs consist of experience in a broad range of clinical pharmacy services within both primary and specialty ambulatory care clinics, pharmacist-run clinics, and drug information. The resident will also have the opportunity to participate in the development of new clinical services.



Throughout the year, residents will focus on the development of both sound clinical practice and accountability, which will include assessing the impact of recommendations on patient-care outcomes. A demonstrable desire to learn, a sincere career interest in pharmacy practice, and a dedication to fully meeting all objectives and requirements of the residency program are expected.

Other goals of the program include providing the resident with opportunities for experience in teaching and research. Residents from both programs will have the opportunity to complete a teaching certificate program through Purdue and Butler University and will have precepting and teaching opportunities. Ambulatory Care/Education residents will acquire more extensive didactic teaching experience at both Purdue and Butler University. All residents will be able to perform collaborative research with clinical faculty and staff at the Medical Center in addition to developing independent research programs.





Residents will have several other opportunities to present formal presentations and journal clubs to pharmacy preceptors, medical and pharmacy staff, and students. In addition, each resident will present their project at the Great Lakes Residency conference.

Clinical Rotations

Ambulatory Care residents will spend up to twelve months in ambulatory care/specialty areas. Ambulatory Care/Education residents will spend up to ten months in ambulatory care/specialty areas and two months on academic rotations.

Ambulatory Care

For both programs, residents will participate in several of the following clinics: Primary Care Clinics, Pharmacy Anticoagulation Clinic, and several adult specialty clinics (Cardiology—HTN, HF, arrhythmias & lipids, Infectious Disease, Endocrinology, Pain, Psych, Vascular, Oncology, Neurology, Pulmonary, Rheumatology, etc.). The specific specialty clinics in which the resident participates will be based upon the resident's prior experience and individual interests. Through involvement in these components, residents will develop skills in conducting medication therapy management for chronic diseases, counseling and monitoring patients, performing necessary physical assessment, working under collaborative practice

agreements and scopes of practice, assisting with protocol development, and providing appropriate drug information to patients, physicians, and other members of the healthcare team.

Education

For both programs, residents will participate in preceptorship activities at the medical center. This will include providing topic discussions to students, meeting individually with students to review patients, and assisting with the evaluation process.

Ambulatory Care/Education residents will participate in more advanced education experiences, including small group facilitation, didactic teaching, course development and sole preceptorship for either Purdue or Butler University.

Stipend and Benefits of the Programs

- Stipends are competitive per annual VA standards
- Thirteen vacation days and seven holidays
- Seven professional days for attendance at professional meetings and interviews
- Office space with computer
- Lab coats, pagers, and flash drives
- Copying privileges
- Medical Media access



The VAMC Ambulatory Care Residencies Provide...

- 1) A developed plan for training and experience**
 - Opportunities in required and elective rotations
 - Business plan development
 - Ample teaching opportunities
 - Clinical research opportunities
 - Formal presentations
 - Teaching certificate program
 - BLS and ACLS certification
- 2) Direction for the development of professional goals and objectives**
 - Career development
 - Flexibility to accommodate interests
 - Guidance from clinical pharmacy faculty and staff
 - Mentorship program
- 3) A positive learning environment**
 - University teaching hospital
 - Involvement with both Purdue and Butler University faculty
 - Support from medical and pharmacy staff
 - Encouragement to achieve an independent practice
- 4) Constructive and positive feedback**
 - Defined rotation goals
 - Evaluation by preceptors
- 5) Professional contacts**
 - Contacts at two colleges of pharmacy
 - Numerous presentations to a variety of healthcare members
 - Participation in local residency forum to interact with other residents in central Indiana

The Residency Program Directors

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Applicant Requirements

Applicants must be a US citizen, a licensed pharmacist and must have completed an accredited PYG1 Pharmacy Residency or have completed a minimum of three years of practice experience with demonstrated mastery of the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and abilities expected of one who has completed a PGY1 Residency.

Application materials **must be submitted electronically through Ph ORCAs during the first week of January.**

Application materials are to include a letter of intent, curriculum vitae, completed application, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation. After applications are reviewed, qualified candidates will be contacted for an on-site interview.

All materials should be sent to:

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