

A Doctor of Pharmacy degree, completion of a PGY 1 Pharmacy Residency and U.S. citizenship are required for this residency program. Candidates must possess licensure in any U.S. state. The stipend is \$48,466 dollars for the calendar year starting July 1st and ending June 30th of the following year. Benefits include 10 paid Federal holidays, 13 accrued vacation and 13 accrued sick days, and paid leave to attend approved professional meetings. Vacation and sick leave are accrued at a rate of 4 hours per two-week pay period. Health benefits are available at standard government employee contribution rates. A dual appointment is available for additional reimbursement.



On site interviews with candidates are conducted in February. All interested applicants should forward a letter of intent stating career goals, a completed employment application, a current Curriculum Vitae, and official pharmacy transcripts. In addition, three letters of reference (1 required by the PGY 1 residency director) should be sent directly to the address listed. Application material deadline is January 11th. This program participates in the ASHP Residency Matching Program through the National Matching Service. The residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from the residency applicant. For additional information, please contact the Residency Program Director.



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THE VA MARYLAND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM PGY-2 AMBULATORY CARE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) at Baltimore is seeking **TWO** highly motivated Ambulatory Care Postgraduate Year Two (PGY 2) Residency Program candidates. The goal of this program is to develop a proficient ambulatory care practitioner with excellent practice skills and leadership abilities to establish new ambulatory care pharmacy programs. Most residents completing this program have been employed as clinical pharmacy specialists in the Veterans Health Care System or comparable health maintenance organizations, while others have chosen to be educators working in academia.



The resident will work closely with clinical pharmacy specialists with an advanced scope of practice as well as other

practitioners in interdisciplinary ambulatory care clinics. The resident is required to participate in the following clinics: Primary Care Pharmacotherapy, Lipid Management, Diabetes, Anticoagulation and Home-Based Primary Care. In addition, residents may rotate through other elective specialty clinics: Geriatrics, Alzheimer's/Dementia, HIV/ID, pain management, cardiology, CHF, renal and hepatitis C clinics as well as other potential off site clinic experiences through affiliated institutions.



Residents are assigned to 5 to 7 half-day clinics per week with the remaining time available to fulfill other residency and administrative responsibilities such as clinical service development. Clinic rotations are scheduled in 12-week blocks to provide longitudinal experiences. The resident will also have a minimal of one yearly longitudinal resident run continuity clinic. Residents are evaluated by each rotation preceptor in accordance with ASHP's Residency Learning System and on a quarterly basis by the Residency Advisory Committee and Residency Program Director.

A major emphasis of the residency is providing direct patient care with the supervision from respective preceptors. Resident responsibilities on rotation include but are not limited to the following: obtaining a pertinent patient history, performing an accurate focused physical exam, assessing pharmacotherapeutic issues and implementing recommendations for appropriate pharmacotherapy, ordering labs, electronic documentation of progress notes, and providing accurate drug information to patients and other health care providers. Pharmacy administration and clinical development opportunities are available at both the Baltimore VA and at the national VA central office.



Formal presentations and journal club are conducted regularly in conjunction with other participating Baltimore residency programs. The resident will be required to participate in select teaching activities at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. Teaching activities may include didactic lectures, leading small group discussions, assessing students on clinical skills, and serving as a co-preceptor during experiential rotations. A teaching certificate program is available through the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in which the resident may pursue. The resident is required to conduct a research project for presentation at the Eastern States Residency Conference and compose a manuscript of publishable quality.

