

Kansas City VA Medical Center

Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2) Ambulatory Care Residency

Setting

Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) serve thousands of Veterans across Missouri and Kansas and function to provide high quality, accessible primary and preventative health care to Veterans in rural areas. The CBOCs deliver the same quality standards of care to Veterans that is provided through the KCVAMC Medical Center. There are two clinic locations in Kansas (Overland Park and Paola) and five in Missouri (Belton, Cameron, Excelsior Springs, Nevada, and Warrensburg). The PGY2 Ambulatory Care resident provides direct patient care to patients located at the Cameron and Excelsior Springs Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs).

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Initial training will be conducted at the main campus of the KCVAMC. The PGY2 resident will be afforded additional learning opportunities in specialty care services at the Medical Center throughout the residency year. The KCVAMC currently provides services to over 43,000 veterans that reside in the Kansas City primary service area and serves as a referral center for VA Medical Centers in Columbia, Leavenworth, Topeka, and Wichita. Clinical Pharmacy Specialists play an integral role by enhancing care to all KCVAMC patients.

Pharmacy Services

Pharmacy services at the rural CBOCs include pharmacist-directed chronic disease state management, group education classes, drug information, formulary management, as well as on-site medication dispensing and counseling. The PGY2 resident will work as part of an integrated multidisciplinary team consisting of primary care providers, clinical pharmacists, social workers, registered nurses, and medical technicians. The resident will also have the opportunity to develop innovative medication management services and patient care clinics. The practice environment promotes the development of the skills necessary for the resident to function as an independent clinical pharmacy specialist.



Pharmacoeconomics Division

The rural health resident will coordinate with PE specialists throughout the residency year. Activities may include evaluating new and evolving drug therapies, predicting, tracking and trending pharmacy budget, drug utilization evaluation, analyzing adherence to performance monitors, and research.

Education and Training

Members of the pharmacy staff precept PGY1 pharmacy practice residents as well as KU and UMKC clerkship students.

Purpose

Residents completing the PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency Program will be competent and confident practitioners of pharmaceutical care in Ambulatory Care practice settings. They will be a skilled teacher, leader, and practitioner who is accountable for achieving optimal drug therapy outcomes in an outpatient setting. The graduate will function independently as well as be prepared to integrate as a member of a health care team. These pharmacists will exercise proficiency in communication and education of other health care professionals, patients, and the community.

Residency graduates should possess competencies that enable attainment of board certification in ambulatory care (BCACP), and are qualified to practice as a clinical pharmacy specialist or faculty member.

Outcomes

- Establish a collaborative interdisciplinary practice.
- In a collaborative interdisciplinary ambulatory practice provide efficient, effective, evidence-based, patient-centered treatment for chronic and/or acute illnesses in all degrees of complexity.
- Demonstrate leadership and practice management skills.
- Promote health improvement, wellness, and disease prevention.
- Demonstrate excellence in the provision of training or educational activities for health care professionals and health care professionals in training.
- Serve as an authoritative resource on the optimal use of medications.



This 12 month ambulatory care residency provides the resident exposure to diverse ambulatory pharmacy experiences. The resident is afforded the opportunity to longitudinally monitor patients' clinical progress through pharmacy-directed clinics. In addition, the resident will gain valuable experience in our pharmacy administrative programs, including budget preparation, local drug utilization reviews, academic detailing, and developing clinical programs. The resident will work with the primary preceptor to develop a pharmacy newsletter appropriate for providers in the CBOC setting as well as providing educational programming for these providers as deemed necessary.

The resident will be afforded the opportunity to participate in many educational programs, including a teaching certificate program offered through the UMKC School of Pharmacy. As adjunct faculty of UMKC School of Pharmacy, the resident will gain experience in lecture preparation, didactic teaching, and in the precepting of students on site.

Rotations

Structurally, the residency is conducted as a longitudinal clinic experience carried out at two Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC). The resident is simultaneously expected to prioritize and work on the ongoing clinical, didactic, staffing, and project activities. There is the opportunity for elective rotations that can be completed at the medical center to provide a well rounded experience.

The resident works closely with the residency director and the primary preceptor to develop goals and objectives that will assist the resident in expanding skills for current and future practice. Regular meetings with the residency director ensure that long-term goals of the residency program are fulfilled.

Completion of a residency project of the resident's choosing is also required. The resident will work with a pharmacy staff mentor to plan, carry out, and evaluate the results of this project. Comprehensive project results are presented at an ASHP affiliate or ACCP Spring Meeting.

Required Rotations:

Orientation (2 weeks)
Diabetes Clinic (2 weeks)

Longitudinal Rotations:

Pharmacy Care Clinic (11 months)
Chronic Disease State Management
Residency Project
Practice Management
Academic Detailing



Benefits

Benefits include health and life insurance, annual leave (vacation), days off for illness/medical appointments/ family care and 10 paid federal holidays. The annual stipend is \$44,522 with *financial compensation for staffing*.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a graduate of an American Council of Pharmaceutical Education accredited School of Pharmacy with a Pharm.D. degree and complete a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residency. **Applicants must be U.S. citizens – a requirement to be employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.**

Application

The following items are required to be submitted for application to the program:

- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- Pharmacy school transcripts
- 3 letters of recommendation

A personal interview is required of all selected candidates. This program participates in the ASHP Matching Program.

Application materials should be submitted through PHORCAS. Deadline for application receipt is **January 7, 2013.**

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