

## Benefits

- Competitive stipend
- Health insurance is available
- 13 days of paid annual leave
- 10 paid holidays
- Accrue 4hr sick leave/pay period
- Educational leave to attend meetings and conferences, which may include:
  - ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
  - Western States Conference for Pharmacy Residents, Fellows, and Preceptors
  - College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists Annual Meeting
- Residents' office with individual space
  - Personal computer
  - Desk and file drawers
- Virtual Library, available both at the facility & off-site
  - Micromedex
  - Access Pharmacy
  - Up to Date
  - Natural Medicines Database
  - Pharmacists' Letter
  - Current textbooks
  - Many specialty-specific References
- Free parking, lab coats

## Qualifications

Must be a United States citizen and have graduated from an American Council on Pharmaceutical Education accredited college or school of pharmacy and completed a PGY1 residency. All pharmacy residents are required to become licensed, but they can be licensed in any of the United States.

### Residency Information:

<http://www.albuquerque.va.gov/careers/PharmacyResidency.asp>

### Applicants must participate in the ASHP Matching Service.

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Postgraduate Year 2

# Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program



*Accreditation pending by the  
American Society of  
Health-System  
Pharmacists*

**NEW MEXICO VA  
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

## PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency

### *ASHP-Accreditation Pending*

The Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center is a Level 1 tertiary referral center with a 24-hour Emergency Room located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the heart of the Land of Enchantment. As a teaching institution, the medical center is affiliated with the University of New Mexico and the Central New Mexico Community College. The medical center is authorized to operate a total of 310 beds, which includes 26 acute adult psychiatric beds (a geriatric psychiatric unit scheduled to open May 2013), and residential treatment programs in Albuquerque and Gallup. Community based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) operate in several locations throughout the state.

## Residency Purpose

The purpose of this PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency is to produce a highly-skilled practitioner able to provide mental health direct patient care in both inpatient and outpatient settings. The practitioner will be competent in patient-centered pharmaceutical care for acute care and ambulatory patient populations, which includes being knowledgeable in pharmacy operational services. The resident receiving a certificate will be prepared to accept any mental health patient care pharmacy position, especially within the Veterans Affairs Health Care System. The resident will also be prepared to serve as an adjunct faculty or pursue further training in psychiatric pharmacy practice or research.

## Direct Patient Care Opportunities

### Inpatient Populations

- Acute Adult Psychiatry
- Geriatric Psychiatry
- Residential Treatment Programs, including substance abuse, PTSD, domiciliary
- Other practice settings can be arranged as available

Activities in these areas include team rounds with physicians/medical residents & students, drug information, drug therapy monitoring, and pharmacokinetic consultations.

### Outpatient Populations

- Clinics staffed by pharmacists with prescribing privileges, managing chronic psychiatric conditions including psychotic disorders, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, PTSD
- Psychiatry Primary Care Clinic
- PTSD Clinic
- Specialty Mental Health Clinic
- Other practice settings can be arranged as available

Activities in these areas include physical/mental assessments, medication therapy management and medication reviews.

## Training Blocks

- Training blocks vary from 4-12 weeks and develop confidence in major areas of practice
- Required training blocks include, Acute Adult/Geriatric Psychiatry, Residential Treatment Program, Ambulatory Psychiatry Primary Care
- Other activities include
  - Formulary Management
  - Residency Project
  - Medication Errors
  - Medication Use Evaluation
  - Adverse Drug Events

## Residency Activities

Additional opportunities and activities that may occur throughout the residency include:

- Teaching opportunities
- P&T Committee
- Journal Club
- Non-formulary reviews
- Professional conferences/meetings
- Conduct or participate in research

