

## RESIDENCY LEARNING EXPERIENCES

### REQUIRED:

- ◆ Orientation/General Pharmacy Project
- ◆ Pharmacy Education
- ◆ Clinical Practice Management
- ◆ Staffing/Pharmacy Service
- ◆ CLC/Geriatrics
- ◆ Anticoagulation
- ◆ Primary Care/PACT
- ◆ Pharmacy Administration

### ELECTIVE:

- ◆ Infectious Disease
- ◆ Internal Medicine
- ◆ Home-Based Primary Care
- ◆ VISN PBM
- ◆ Other

## QUALIFICATIONS & BENEFITS

- ◆ United States citizen.
- ◆ Graduate of an accredited college of pharmacy.
- ◆ Active pharmacy license, or eligible for licensure in any state or federal territory.

### BENEFITS:

- ◆ Competitive stipend
- ◆ Eligible for medical & life insurance
- ◆ Thirteen (13) days of annual leave
- ◆ Thirteen (13) days of sick leave
- ◆ Ten (10) paid federal holidays
- ◆ Free parking onsite
- ◆ Tuition/travel to ASHP Midyear Meeting and Eastern States

## APPLICATION DETAILS

All application materials must be received by January 15<sup>th</sup>. These materials include:

- ◆ Letter of intent
- ◆ Curriculum vitae
- ◆ Proof of US citizenship
- ◆ Official college transcript(s)
- ◆ Three letters of reference, in addition to the ASHP Residency Applicant Recommendation Request form that can be found at: [http://www.ashp.org/s\\_ashp/docs/files/RTP\\_ResidentRecomendForm.pdf](http://www.ashp.org/s_ashp/docs/files/RTP_ResidentRecomendForm.pdf) (sent under separate cover)

Please send all application materials to the following:

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*Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, RPD*

VA Hudson Valley Health Care System

Pharmacy Service (119)

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Visit our facility's website at:

<http://www.hudsonvalley.va.gov/>

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency program at VA HVHCS please contact:

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## VA HUDSON VALLEY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM



## PGY-1 PHARMACY

## RESIDENCY PROGRAM



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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW



The PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency program at the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System (HVVHCS) is designed to allow development of the resident into a clinical practitioner, who will contribute to positive outcomes in the practice of pharmacy. The program is a comprehensive, hospital-based, 12 month (July 1 -June 30) post-graduate residency. The program will focus on the development of skills in a variety of practice settings including: primary care, long-term care, practice management, and pharmacy administration. Pharmacy residents completing the HVVHCS Pharmacy Residency program will have the ability to accelerate their growth beyond entry-level professional competence into a variety of patient care areas and pharmacy practice settings.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the PGY1 Residency Program at the VA HVVHCS is to produce highly skilled pharmaceutical care providers competent in a variety of direct patient care and pharmacy management settings who will be prepared to work independently as an integral member of a health care team, or for PGY-2 training in the area of their choice.

## GOALS

In accordance with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) standards, the goals of the residency program are to train pharmacists to develop the skills necessary to ensure optimal delivery of drug therapy to all patients, analyze and disseminate drug information to health care professionals and patients, investigate therapeutic problems in a scientific manner, and enhance the verbal and written communication skills of the resident. Residents will be expected to provide care to a wide range of patients, become leaders in the medication use process, manage pharmacy practice, and function competently and in partnership with other providers.



## OUTCOMES

1. Manage and improve the medication-use process
2. Provide evidence-based, patient-centered medication therapy management with interdisciplinary teams
3. Exercise leadership and practice management skills
4. Demonstrate project management skills
5. Provide medication and practice-related education/training
6. Utilize medical informatics

## ABOUT THE VA HVVHCS



The VA Hudson Valley Health Care System consists of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Campus in Montrose, NY (Westchester County), the Castle Point Campus in Castle Point, NY (Dutchess County), and several outlying community based outpatient clinics (CBOCs). Dedicated to providing a wide range of services to the veterans of the Hudson Valley, the HVVHCS offers medical, surgical, psychiatric, substance abuse treatment and extended care services. Specialty Programs include Home-Based Primary Care, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Sexual Trauma Counseling, Supportive Housing, Vocational Testing and Career Counseling, Cardiology, Rheumatology, Hematology/Oncology, Optometry, Podiatry, Social Work, Rehabilitation Medicine, Spinal Cord Injury, and various other services. The FDR Campus boasts one of the largest community home care programs for veterans within the entire 172 VA hospital system and provides tertiary care in acute and chronic psychiatry.

Focusing on improving access and continuity of care, VA HVVHCS provides innovative health care with an emphasis on performance improvement. A majority of our patients receive care through primary care clinics focusing on health promotion and disease prevention. We use the latest technology to provide high quality health care, including a computerized medical record, bar-coding for medication administration and an automated system for filling prescriptions.