

**THE DURHAM VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER
PGY-2 RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM IN GERIATRICS**

This is a one-year, PGY-2 residency training program in Geriatrics accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. It has been developed by the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center in cooperation with the School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina and Duke Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development. The resident will also complete a research project under the supervision of a research faculty member affiliated with the Durham VA's Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center.

The resident will have the opportunity to gain valuable clinical, teaching, and scholarly skills through interaction with an interdisciplinary staff, faculty, and trainees practicing in multiple sites along the continuum of care including a skilled nursing facility, hospital, and ambulatory settings. The resident will work with a diverse group of experienced clinicians, educators and researchers from the major local universities, including Duke, UNC, and Campbell University.

Benefits include a generous stipend, 13 vacation days, and travel funding. The resident may be eligible for a faculty appointment with the UNC School of Pharmacy.

Eligibility Requirements

The applicant should possess a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Candidates must have completed an ASHP pharmacy practice or PGY-1 residency. A candidate who feels they have an equivalent level of experience must demonstrate that the prior experience in pharmacy practice is suitable to ASHP.

By January 3rd, interested individuals should send:

- 1) a cover letter indicating why advanced training through a geriatric residency program is desired
- 2) a curriculum vitae including names and addresses of references
- 3) three letters of support and
- 4) transcripts from your pharmacy school curriculum

Please address these to:

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Geriatrics Conferences and Educational Activities

Weekly conferences:

1. Geriatric Grand Rounds: *meets every Wednesday morning, 8 – 9 AM.* Coordinator: Second year fellows and Tom Simmons 286-6932.

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Educational objective: formal presentation of a major topic in Geriatrics and Gerontology. It meets each Wednesday of each month. The conference includes a monthly research conference and a monthly education seminar.

2. Geriatric Evaluation and Treatment Clinic Conference: *Meets every Wednesday, 12-1PM.*

Coordinator: Dr. Heflin and Renee Weisner 620-4070.

4020 Roxboro Rd, Second Floor conference room with telephone access available from VA GRECC conference room..

Educational objective: Review and discuss patients seen in clinic the preceding week.

3. Medicine Grand Rounds: *Meets every Friday, 8:00 – 8:45 AM .* Coordinator: Medical Residents Office- 684-2383

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Topics requested by members of the Department of Medicine are selected by Chief Medical Residents, Department Chair, and Continuing Medical Education representatives.

4. Geriatrics Friday Morning Conference: *Conference is held every Friday,*

9:00 – 9:45 AM . Coordinator: Second year fellows and Tom Simmons –286-6932.

Educational objective: Fellows and pharmacy residents present journal clubs, board reviews, or clinical case conferences in an interactive format with candid follow-up discussions among division members.

General formats include the following:

1. EBM or Journal club: Review of specific article or topic addressing an important clinic question. Fellows expected to utilize critical appraisal skills and facilitate discussion of application of evidence. Ideal to distribute article 2-4 days in advance via email or photocopy to allow attendees to read. May ask Mr. Simmons to copy.

2. Board Review: Fellow usually prepares questions from Geriatric Review Syllabus (GRS) available in fellows room. Possible formats include Geriatrics Jeopardy or simply round robin questioning of attendees. Need to copy and distribute questions at conference.

3. Clinical case conference: Review of clinical topic based on recent case. May choose to copy and distribute key resources.

5. Fellows' Clinic Report: *Meets every Friday Noon – 1:00 PM* (Fellow on Clinics Rotation usually unable to attend.) Coordinators: Dr. Heflin and Dr. Twersky: hefli001@mc.duke.edu or 970-0127

GRECC conference room

Fellows and faculty meet every Friday over lunch to informally discuss important cases and clinical issues and review the evidence relevant to that topic.

Optional or intermittent conferences:

Aging Center Distinguished Lecture Series

Meets one Thursday per month, September through June. Fellows attend luncheon with speaker afterward. *Time and location TBA*

National and international experts in geriatrics and gerontologic research present their work
Weekly Bulletin posted online at: <http://www.geri.duke.edu/new/bulletin.htm>

Seminars and workshops:

1. Geriatrics Core Curriculum: *Meets 8-9AM every Tuesday, July through September. GRECC conference room.* Coordinator: Second year fellows.

Series of lectures given for the geriatrics and geriatric pharmacy fellows covering common topics in geriatrics and gerontology.

Intended to prepare fellows for management of commonly encountered issues and conditions.

2. Evidence-based Medicine in Geriatrics: *Meets 8-9:30AM every Tuesday, September through November. GRECC conference room.* Coordinator: Dr. Heflin: hefli001@mc.duke.edu or 970-0127

Series of interactive presentations on the practice of Evidence Based Medicine in geriatrics.

Presentations by division faculty on formulating questions, searching the literature, basic clinical epidemiology, and critical appraisal of a variety of article.

Special emphasis is placed on methodological challenges encountered in the care of older adults by interdisciplinary teams.

Fellows utilize skills promoted in the course during the Academic Geriatrics Rotation.

Website: <http://www.mclibrary.duke.edu/training/courses/geriatricsebm>

3. Clinical Teaching and Medical Decision Making Workshops: *Location and time TBA. Usually meets on Monday evenings in the fall and spring.* Coordinator: Dr. Greenblatt

Interactive sessions provide fellows with the opportunity to learn and master a variety of clinical teaching skills applicable to a variety of settings and key issues in bedside medical decision making. Led by Dr. Larry Greenblatt, who has special training in clinical teaching.

4. Advance Course in Long Term Care: *Meets 8-9:30AM every Tuesday, March through May. Location TBA.* Coordinator: Dr. White and Emily Herbert – 660-7577.

Covers key topics in long term care, including medical directorship, team building, quality improvement, and nursing home litigation.

Utilizes interactive learning strategies and web-based readings and discussions.

Led by Dr. Heidi White.

Website: <http://careinaging.duke.edu/longtermcare/index.php> (See directions for Care in Aging Website.)

5. Palliative Care Medicine Retreat Series: *Meets for half or full day on Fridays 6 times per year. Location TBA.* Coordinator: Dr. Elbert-Avila and Emily Herbert – 660-7577

Covers key topics in palliative, including pain management, non-pain symptom management, communication skills, psychosocial care, and understanding systems of care.

Utilizes interactive learning strategies and web-based readings and discussions.

Led by Dr. Elbert-Avila and taught by Duke faculty.

Website: <http://careinaging.duke.edu/clinicians/concept.php?method=experience&ExperienceID=28>
(See directions for Care in Aging Website.)