



# McGuire VA Medical Center PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency *With a Focus in Mental Health*

Richmond, Virginia

## New for 2013-2014!

Our residency is a one-year, full-time, ASHP-accredited program that provides one resident per year an intensive experience in delivering comprehensive pharmaceutical care—with a focus on mental health services—to the veteran population.

## Program Purpose

Pharmacists completing this residency will be able to effectively manage their own practice and function competently and confidently in multiple health care environments, with a focus in the mental health care setting. They will be accountable for achieving optimal drug therapy outcomes as members of the health care team. These

pharmacists will exercise skill in educating other health care professionals, patients, caregivers, and trainees on drug-related topics. They will demonstrate a style of practice which reflects self-initiation, problem solving, self-assessment and advancement of the profession of pharmacy. Graduates of the program should be able to develop, implement and maintain clinical pharmacy services in a variety of primary healthcare delivery settings. Program graduates should possess the capabilities of recognizing, stimulating and participating in administrative and clinical research and will be qualified to assume a leadership position in clinical pharmacy.



*Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center is a 400 bed tertiary referral medical center serving approximately 45,000 veterans annually. Our medical center is a teaching facility with an academic affiliation with VCU Medical Center and the Medical College of Virginia.*

## Mental Health Training Opportunities

- Inpatient Psychiatry
- Inpatient substance abuse treatment
- Outpatient substance abuse treatment, including methadone and Suboxone clinics
- Mental Health Primary Care Integration Team, including individual medication management and group clinics
- Clozapine Clinic
- PTSD Clinic
- Bipolar Clinic
- Depot Clinic
- Metabolic Syndrome Clinic
- Consult and Liaison Psychiatry Service
- Transition Care Clinic
- Mental Health Intensive Case Management program
- Short-term Outpatient Stabilization Team
- Day Support Group

## Progressive Practice Setting

- VA has a fully comprehensive electronic medical record
- Residents work under their pharmacy preceptors' scopes of practice and prescriptive authority
- Longitudinal rotations afford residents the opportunity to see the benefits of continuity of care
- Clinical and didactic teaching to pharmacy students, including optional participation in the Teaching and Learning Certificate Program offered by the VCU/MCV School of Pharmacy
- Teaching and presentations, including clinical seminars, case conferences, journal club discussions
- Topic discussions to prepare for board certification

## Resident Benefits

- Annual stipend (\$41,929 in 2012-2013)
- Extra income from staffing requirements
- Vacation time and sick leave accrue throughout the year
- Federal holidays
- Medical and life insurance are available
- Tuition and travel reimbursement to the Eastern States Residency Conference
- Administrative leave for other professional meetings



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## Unique Opportunities in Interprofessional Education

- Team-based learning modules presented through Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)'s Interprofessional Education series
- Strategies on successful, collaborative care
- Specific training in motivational interviewing
- Participation in monthly diversity training
- Opportunity to extend training into the PGY-2 residency program

## Qualification of Applicants

All applicants must be United States citizens, must be licensed pharmacists or eligible for licensure in at least one state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, and must possess a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from a school or college of pharmacy accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education. If not licensed at the beginning of the residency, the resident will make arrangements for examination as soon as possible. Applicants must be in good physical and mental health and of good moral character and personality. They must possess the unique aptitude and motivation to practice clinical pharmacy, especially in the way of direct patient care.

## Application Procedure

1. **Apply to our PGY1 - Mental Health program on PhORCAS by January 31, 2013.**  
*We prefer that your three references are instructors who have observed you in clinical practice.*
2. **Include the following Supplemental Information:**
  - [Standard Form - Application for Associated Health Occupation \(VA Form 10-2850c\)](#)
  - [Declaration for Federal Employment \(OPM Form OF-306\)](#)
3. **Applications will be reviewed, and on-site interviews will be extended to selected candidates.**
4. **Candidates will be ranked and positions filled using the National Matching Service (NMS). Our NMS program code is 290621.**



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