

APPLICATION PROCESS

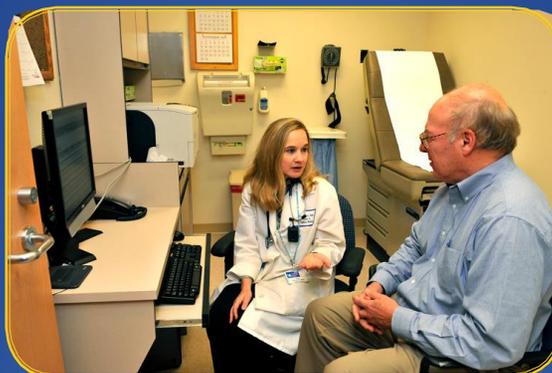
Applications will be accepted through PhORCAS™ (Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service) ONLY. PhORCAS™ application must include: letter of intent stating career goals, curriculum vitae, three letters of reference (one required by the PGY 1 residency director), and official pharmacy school transcripts. Application deadline is January 5th.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

January 5, 2021

The VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) is a multi-facility network of medical centers and clinics with a total of 727 operating beds and seven outpatient clinics serving over 55,000 patients throughout the state of Maryland. The Medical Centers at Baltimore and Loch Raven serve as the main practice sites and provide acute care, surgical services, psychiatry, ambulatory care, long-term care and teaching and research experiences. The Pharmacy department includes close to 100 pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, and provides 24/7 services in Baltimore.

Our healthcare system serves the healthcare needs of America's veterans in Maryland by providing primary care, specialized care, and related medical and social support sources.



CONTACT

Karen Korch Black, PharmD, BCGP, BCACP
PGY 2 Residency Programs Director
VA Maryland Health Care System
Pharmacy Service (119)
10 North Greene Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
Phone: (410) 605-7000, ext. 56585
E-mail: karen.korchblack@va.gov

Stephanie Ozalas, PharmD, BCPS, BCGP
PGY 2 Geriatric Program Coordinator
VA Maryland Health Care System
3900 Loch Raven Boulevard
Building 1, Room 1A-25
Baltimore, MD 21218
Phone: (410) 605-7541

This program participates in the ASHP Residency Matching Program through the National Matching Service. The residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from the residency applicant. Candidates will be notified of an interview no later than the second Friday of February. For additional information, please contact the Residency Program Director.



POSTGRADUATE

YEAR TWO

(PGY2)

GERIATRIC

PHARMACY

RESIDENCY

PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) is seeking ONE highly motivated Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2) Geriatric Pharmacy Residency Program candidate. This 12-month ASHP-accredited PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency is designed to develop the resident to be proficient in optimization of geriatric pharmacotherapy, performance of medication reconciliation and medication management in older adults, and collaboration with the different roles of the interdisciplinary team in the assessment and management of the older patient.



GERIATRIC PHARMACY TRAINING

The resident will work closely with clinical pharmacy specialists and the geriatric interdisciplinary team. The resident is required to participate in the following learning experiences: Long Term Care, Home-Based Primary Care, Memory Disorders Clinic, Anticoagulation, Hospice/Palliative Care, Lipid Risk Reduction Management Clinic, Antimicrobial Stewardship, and Internal Medicine. In addition, residents may rotate through other elective specialty practice areas such as: Renal clinic, Heart Failure Clinic, as well as other potential off-site clinic experiences through affiliated institutions. A major emphasis of the residency is providing direct patient care with the supervision from respective preceptors. Resident responsibilities on rotation include but are not limited to the following:

obtaining a pertinent patient history, assessing pharmacotherapeutic issues and implementing an appropriate pharmacotherapy plan as related to geriatric patients, electronic documentation of progress notes, and providing accurate drug information to patients and other health care providers. The resident will be expected to become an integral part of the interdisciplinary geriatric team.

OPPORTUNITIES

Journal club, case presentation, and formal pharmacotherapy presentations are conducted regularly in conjunction with other participating Baltimore residency programs. The resident will participate in select teaching activities at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. Teaching activities may include didactic lectures, leading small group discussions, assessing students on clinical skills, and serving as a co-preceptor during experiential rotations. A teaching certificate program is available through the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, in which the resident may pursue. The resident is required to conduct a research or quality improvement project for presentation at a regional pharmacy conference and compose a manuscript of publishable quality.

PRESENTATIONS

- Journal Club, Case Presentations, In-service(s)
- Formal Pharmacotherapy Presentation (CE) in conjunction with other participating Baltimore residency programs
- Required Research Project with presentation of results at a regional pharmacy conference (with manuscript of publishable quality)

EVALUATION

A Residency Development Plan (RDP) for each resident will be formulated upon entry into the program. Updates and changes will be addressed quarterly by the Residency Program Director and/or Program Coordinator. Following the ASHP Accreditation Standard for PGY2 Pharmacy Residencies, this program includes the required ASHP Competency Areas, Goals, and Objectives for PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy. Resident performance on each learning experience will be documented electronically in PharmAcademic™.

BENEFITS

The annual stipend is \$50,006. Benefits include 10 paid Federal holidays, 13 accrued vacation and 13 accrued sick days, and paid leave to attend approved professional meetings. Vacation and sick leave are accrued at a rate of 4 hours per two-week pay period. Health benefits are available at standard government employee contribution rates. A dual appointment may be available for additional reimbursement.

REQUIREMENTS

A Doctor of Pharmacy degree, completion of an ASHP accredited PGY 1 Pharmacy Residency, U.S. citizenship and a full, current, and unrestricted license to practice pharmacy in a State, Territory, or Commonwealth of the U.S. or District of Columbia. An on-site interview and participation in the ASHP Residency Match Program are also required. Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of pre-employment fingerprinting and a pre-employment physical exam, including negative drug test.