

*Pharmacy Practice Residency  
(PGY-1)  
2008 - 2009*



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## ***Pharmacy Practice Residency***

The program, accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), is a one-year PGY-1 Residency with an emphasis on Pharmaceutical Care. Accredited since 1977, the program offers the opportunity to participate in the ongoing development and implementation of innovative clinical pharmacy services.

### ***Opportunities allow the resident to:***

- Gain experience and develop clinical skills through problem identification and solution in a large pharmacy department of a teaching hospital
- Participate in ward rounds and pharmacy run clinics
- Develop and assess clinical plans through participation in weekly continuity clinic with primary provider
- Promote rational therapeutics through conduction of drug usage evaluations
- Develop communication skills by presenting formal in-services and drug reviews, publishing newsletters, and providing drug information and patient consultations
- Gain experience in research through designing, conducting and publishing a major project
- Design a schedule to place emphasis on the resident's areas of interest

### ***Core learning experiences include:***

- Administration
- Ambulatory Care
- Formulary Management
- General Medicine
- Inpatient/outpatient
- Long Term Care
- Critical Care

### ***Longitudinal experience opportunities include:***

- Primary care/general medicine clinic with emphasis in Continuity of Care
- Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) clinic
- EPO Clinic
- HIV Clinic
- Anticoagulation Clinic
- Adverse Drug Events (ADE) committee

### ***Elective opportunities include repeating any of the core learning experiences or the following specialties:***

- Hematology/Oncology
- Infectious Disease
- Investigational Drugs
- Teaching
- Liver and Kidney Transplant
- Psychiatry/Neurology
- Pediatrics

Residents are offered a multifaceted exposure to all areas of hospital pharmacy practice and opportunities to develop personal interest areas. Learning experiences may be structured to emphasize the resident's interests. This includes repeating core rotations if desired.

### ***Training Activities***

One of the primary objectives of the Medical Center is the training of health care professionals. The Pharmacy Service provides clerkship and externship training for Pharm.D. students from Oregon State University, University of the Pacific and Pacific University. The Resident serves as a preceptor and participates in the training of some of these students. There are also opportunities to give pharmacotherapy lectures at the OSU and Pacific University Colleges of Pharmacy.

### ***Research***

The Medical Center is extensively involved in a number of research protocols and thus has an active Subcommittee on Human Subjects Committee. There are 4 pharmacist members, 2 of whom are the research drug pharmacists involved in the coordinating of investigational drug protocols.

For successful completion of the Residency, the Resident is expected to complete a project that is acceptable for publication.

### ***Pharmacy Services***

The Pharmacy Service employs 45 pharmacists that include 4 pharmacy supervisors, a pharmaco-economic program specialist, 25 clinical pharmacy specialists, and 68 technicians. Twenty-four hour centralized medication management and IV admixture services are provided. Facets of current clinical services include ambulatory care clinics, anticoagulation clinic, critical care, depression clinic, diabetes clinic, general medicine, geriatric clinic, kinetic monitoring, infectious disease, lipid clinic, CHF clinic, long-term care, movement disorder clinic, oncology, palliative care team, psychiatry, pulmonary clinic and transplant.

### ***The Medical Center***

The Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center is a 200-bed general medical hospital with two divisions – one located in Southwest Portland and one in Vancouver, Washington. It is a university-affiliated institution and serves as the site of clinical education for numerous professional schools in the area. The Oregon Health and Science University is attached via sky-bridge to the V. A. Medical Center.

The Medical Center offers a modern physical facility with a strong commitment to excellence in patient care, teaching and research.

## ***Benefits***

- Stipend: \$39,400 (as of 2/2007)
- Hourly salary for required weekend staffing
- 13 days of vacation
- 13 days of sick leave
- Paid holidays
- Medical/life insurance
- Education/professional leave

## ***Requirements for Application***

Applicants for the Pharmacy Practice Residency Program are selected through the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Residency Matching Program. Requirements for application include:

- U.S. Citizenship
- Graduation from accredited School or College of Pharmacy (or eligible)

The following items should be sent **via email** to the address below:

- A letter of intent and personal statement; please include a brief explanation of any transcript grades lower than “C” or equivalent

In addition, three (3) letters of recommendation should be sent directly from the authors to the address shown below. Letters should be signed and printed on official letterhead. Official transcripts from **all** colleges and universities attended should be sent directly from the school(s) to the address shown below.

Finally, VA Form 10-2850c and OF-306 should be completed and mailed to the address below. Forms are available on our website at:

[www.visn20.med.va.gov/Portland/RXResidency](http://www.visn20.med.va.gov/Portland/RXResidency).

All application materials must be received by **January 13, 2008**. Thank you for your interest in the PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at the Portland VA Medical Center.

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