



VA Maine Healthcare System

PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency

ASHP Program Number: 12100



The Togus campus of VA Maine Healthcare System (VAMHCS) is a 67-bed operating bed facility with general medical, surgical, intermediate and mental health beds, as well as a 100-bed nursing home consisting of hospice, dementia, long-stay, and skilled care.

The hospital facility and PGY1 practice site is located in Augusta, Maine and is a Joint Commission accredited, complexity Level 1c facility that serves over 42,500 Veterans. The system spreads throughout the state with seven community based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) in Bangor, Calais, Lewiston, Lincoln, Portland, Presque Isle and Rumford, and two Access Clinics in Fort Kent and Houlton.

Program Description

The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency is designed to expand on the Doctor of Pharmacy education and contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication related care. The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at VA Maine provides opportunities in ambulatory care, geriatrics, acute care, and pharmacy leadership meant to educate well-rounded clinical pharmacists. We accept three residents each year for a 12-month ASHP accredited program.

Benefits and Leave

- 11 Federal holidays, 13 days of accumulated vacation leave, 13 days of accumulated sick leave
- Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance available along with Employee Assistance Programs (EAPs)
- Paid travel to ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
- Dedicated Weekly Resident Project Time

Stipend - \$49,686

Required Rotations: 6 weeks in length

- Orientation, Internal Medicine & Transitions of Care, Primary Care, Cardiology Clinic, Pharmacy Administration and Quality Management, Home Based Primary Care

Longitudinal Rotations

- Teaching Certificate Program
- Medication Safety
- Research (Flipped research model)

Schedules are determined on a quarterly basis and customized to resident specific goals/needs. Certain rotations can also be completed at CBOCs pending resident interest

Staffing Requirements

- Inpatient Staffing: every 3rd weekend (Saturday and Sunday) from 7AM - 3 PM
- Outpatient Staffing: 40 hours/week for 2 weeks during administration rotation

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**Application Deadline:
January 4th**

Elective Rotations Offered

- Certain required rotations can be completed again as an advanced rotation (Advanced Internal Medicine & Transitions of Care, Advanced Primary Care, Advanced Cardiology Clinic, Advanced Home-Based Primary Care)
- Mental Health
- Community Living Center (CLC)
- Layered Learning (Precepting)
- Oncology

Other Program Requirements

- Adverse Drug Reaction Report during a P&T meeting, one newsletter that is disseminated quarterly, Grand Rounds presentation with co-residents, CE presentation, Minor project (completed during administration rotation), Patient Safety Project (completed during administration rotation)

Qualifications

- Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from an accredited school or college of pharmacy (or B.S. in Pharmacy with equivalent experience)
- Eligible for pharmacist licensure in any state
- U.S Citizenship required

How to Apply

- Candidates must submit through PhORCAS:
- Required Documents:
 - College Transcript
 - Letter of Intent
 - Three letters of recommendation
 - Curriculum Vitae
 - Completed application form
- Applicants must be registered with the ASHP Matching Program

Note: This residency site agrees to and abides by the rules of the Match including that no person at this site with solicit, accept, or use any ranking related information from any residency applicant

Interviews

- Conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams

Augusta is the capital city of Maine. It offers a variety of entertainment and cultural opportunities including the Augusta Symphony Orchestra, the River Walk, movie theaters, restaurants, parks, museums, hiking trails, shopping, and golf courses. It is centrally located within forty minutes to shopping in Freeport and LL Bean, a one-hour drive to Portland, a two-hour drive to Acadia National Park, and a three-hour drive to Boston.



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