

General Information

Duration: 12 months

Number of Positions: 3

(general), 1 (MH)

Starting Date: June 26th (flexible)

Estimated Stipend: \$43,668

Benefits: vacation, holiday and sick leave; eligibility for federal employee health and life insurance; travel support varies each year

Model (type): Teaching, Tertiary

Total Beds: 273 acute care & 104 community living center

Conferences

Residents may attend:

- ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
- Midwest Pharmacy Residents' Conference
- MSHP Meeting(s)



Application Requirements

1. Letter of Intent
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Academic Transcripts from College of Pharmacy
4. Phorcas Standardized Recommendation Form submitted by 3 references
5. Supplemental Essay

Submit required materials via Phorcas by: **January 5 of Selection Year**

Additional information may be found via the program website:
www.minneapolis.va.gov/education/Pharmacy/pharmacy.asp

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PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency



Minneapolis VA Health Care System



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MVAHCS is one of the ten largest VA medical centers in the country, serving more than 100,000 veterans in a six-state area of the upper Midwest. Our facility is a teaching hospital affiliated with the colleges of medicine and pharmacy at the University of Minnesota, and provides a full range of patient care services with state-of-the-art technology, educational resources, and research. Comprehensive health care is provided through primary care, specialty care, and long-term care in areas of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, neurology, oncology, and geriatrics.

Pharmacy Services

More than 100 pharmacists play a vital role in the delivery of patient care; working as a team with physicians, nurses and other health care practitioners to ensure America's veterans receive the finest care. Pharmacists routinely interact one-on-one with patients providing consultation and guidance on the use of medications. VA Pharmacists utilize the full scope of their skills and knowledge in their daily practice.

Twin Cities, MN

The Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area has a combined population of over 2.4 million. The Twin Cities are nationally recognized for their arts, most notable are the Guthrie Theater, Minnesota Orchestra, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Science Museum and the Walker Art Center. The Mall of America is minutes from both the airport and the VA Medical Center. Recreational activities span the four seasons and we are home to five professional sports team: Twins, Vikings, Timberwolves, Wild, and St. Paul Saints.

Residency Program Overview

This post-graduate year one (PGY-1) Pharmacy Residency program is one of the first accredited residency programs with over 50 years of continuous accreditation by ASHP. This program provides a comprehensive year of education and experience with an emphasis on direct patient care. Core rotations offer a variety of experiences in both inpatient and ambulatory care settings.

PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency

Required rotations for the PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency include 7 weeks of Orientation, a balance of 13 weeks of acute care and 13 weeks of ambulatory care experience. Seven weeks is allotted for electives in areas of interest or extensions of core rotations. Residents are highly involved within all areas of pharmacy practice at MVAHCS.

PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency (Mental Health Track)

The Mental Health Track Resident completes the same required rotations as the PGY-1 Pharmacy Residents but some electives focus on mental health care. The resident works closely with the PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident as well as Mental Health services.

Residency Experiences

- ACLS/BLS certification
- Active participation in the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
- Diverse opportunities in patient care - Pain, Dialysis, Rheumatology
- Drug information service
- In-services, journal club, CE presentations
- Newsletter publisher
- Plan, design, and perform one major residency project
- Precepting & mentoring pharmacy students

Required Longitudinal Experiences

- Administration
- Patient Care Panel
- Project Management/Professionalism
- Staffing (weekend and weeknights)
 - Every 4th week

Electives Offered

- Advanced Acute Care or Ambulatory Care
- Ambulatory Care Specialty
- Anticoagulation
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Geriatric Research and Education Clinical Center (GRECC)
- Informatics
- Inpatient Psychiatry
- Interprofessional Education with Serious Mental Illness team
- Oncology
- Pain Management
- Serious Mental Illness - Outpatient
- Traumatic Brain Injury & Polytrauma Center
- Women's Health

Current Residents



From left to right: Martin Bloch, Randa Fahim, Lindsey Garner, Travis Liebhard