PGY-2
Pain Management and Palliative Care Residency

Minneapolis VA Health Care System

General Information

Duration: 12 months
Number of Positions: 1
Starting Date: June 24th (flexible)
Estimated Stipend: $48,114

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

Model (type): Teaching, Tertiary
Total Beds: 273 acute care & 104 community living center

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. Example of written work

Submit required materials via PhORCAS by: January 5th of Selection Year

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

Conferences

Residents may attend:
• ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting or Pain/Palliative Care meeting of choice
• Minnesota Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) Meeting(s)

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Residency Program Overview
The postgraduate year one (PGY-1) Pharmacy Residency program at this facility is one of the first accredited residency programs with over 50 years of continuous accreditation by ASHP. The program has five PGY-1 residents, and three PGY-2 Residents: one focused in Psychiatry, one focused in Geriatrics, & one focused in Pain Management and Palliative Care.

PGY-2 Pain/Palliative Care Overview
Required rotations for the PGY-2 Pain Management and Palliative Care Residency include a balance of 4-6 weeks of orientation and inpatient pain management, twenty-four weeks in the Comprehensive Pain Center, eight weeks of palliative care experience, and eight weeks of Addiction Recovery Services (ARS). Eight weeks is allotted for electives in areas of interest or extensions of core rotations. The resident is involved longitudinally with our pain research team and primary care teams, focusing on opioid safety, opioid reduction, and pain management.

The PGY-2 Pain/Palliative care resident shares the responsibilities of Chief Resident with the Psychiatric PGY-2 and Geriatrics PGY-2 residents.

Current Residents

Residency Experiences
- ACLS/BLS certification
- Drug information service
- In-services, journal club, CE presentations
- Newsletter Editor
- Plan, design, and perform one major residency project
- Precepting & mentoring pharmacy students

Required Longitudinal Experiences
- Chief Resident
- Comprehensive Pain Center (includes Patient Panel)
- Primary Care Pain Management and Opioid Safety
- Project Management/Professionalism
- Pain Research
- Drug Information & Consults

Required Rotational Experiences
- Orientation
- Palliative Care
- Addiction Recovery Services
- Inpatient Pain Management

Electives Offered
- Academic Detailing
- Inpatient Mental Health
- Outpatient Mental Health
- Pain Management Long-Term Care CLC
- Inpatient Traumatic Brain Injury/Stroke
- Spinal Cord

Minneapolis VA Health Care System
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 College of Pharmacy and School of Medicine 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. The MVAHCS has been highly recognized for contributions in the areas of pain management, palliative care, and addiction recovery.

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 six professional sports team: Twins, Vikings, Timberwolves, Lynx, Wild, and St. Paul Saints.