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.

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.

Application Process
Candidates must possess a Doctor of Pharmacy degree, be a U.S. citizen, have an active pharmacist license anywhere in the U.S., and complete an ASHP accredited PGY1 pharmacy residency program.

To apply please submit the standard application requirements via the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS™) on or before the first Monday of January.

Standard requirements for an application include: demographics, academic history, transcript, curriculum vitae, letter of intent, extracurricular activities, and three references. We prefer references submit “free text” comments formatted similar to a traditional Letter of Recommendation. Additional required supplemental material includes one (1) example of written work from PGY1 residency. Examples of written work may include a drug information response or a completed pharmacy consult (with patient identifiers removed).
Pharmacy Services

More than 99 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.

Mental Health Services

The MVAHCS is dedicated to providing comprehensive psychiatric care. Services span a variety of settings, including a 24-bed locked inpatient psychiatric unit, partial hospitalization, intensive outpatient programming, intensive case management services, programming for the homeless, and general outpatient services (locally and across all of the community-based outpatient clinics). Additionally, outpatient specialty teams exist for Serious Mental Illness, PTSD, Addictive Disorders, Geriatric Psychiatry, Mood Disorders, and Gender Dysmorphic Disorder.

Rotations

Required Rotations
- Outpatient Psychiatry
- Inpatient Psychiatry

Required Longitudinal Rotations
- Outpatient Psychiatry, Serious Mental Illness Team—Interprofessional Experience
- Outpatient Psychiatry, Geriatric Psychiatry
- Practice Management
- Research & Project Management
- Chief Resident

Elective Rotations
- Addiction Recovery Services
- Mental Health Intake & Emergency Department
- Inpatient Mental Health Traumatic Brain Injury & Stroke
- Psychiatric Partial Hospitalization
- PTSD
- Transgender Consults
- And more in development!

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