



VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program



Overview

The VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System (VASNHS) provides a broad spectrum of ambulatory and inpatient services as part of VA Sierra Pacific Network (Veterans Integrated Service Network - VISN 21). The VASNHS serves Veterans in seven counties including Clark, Lincoln, Nye, and Esmeralda in Nevada; Washington County in Utah; Mohave County in Arizona; and San Bernardino County in California. Recent consensus projections place the Veteran population of these counties over 240,000. There is a total of 25 facilities which make up the VASNHS. The sites are in Las Vegas, Henderson, and Pahrump, Nevada. Most of the facilities are in metropolitan Las Vegas and North Las Vegas, Nevada.

The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program is an ASHP accredited program that offers in-depth experiences in clinical services. Our program is designed to provide you with a variety of learning environments, teaching opportunities, and projects – all to help develop your clinical knowledge, skills, confidence, and independence. One of our primary goals is to provide residents with professional growth that optimizes their marketability for future employment in either ambulatory care or inpatient settings, PGY2 opportunities, board certification, and other pharmacy career endeavors. Working alongside our Clinical Pharmacy Practitioners, residents work under defined scopes of practice, providing the opportunity to treat, monitor and adjust drug therapy.

CORE VALUE

Because I CARE, I will...

Integrity

Act with high moral principle

Commitment

Work diligently to serve Veterans and other beneficiaries

Advocacy

Be Veteran-centric by identifying, fully considering, and appropriately advancing Veterans and other beneficiaries

Respect

Treat all those who I serve and with whom I work with dignity and respect

Excellence

Strive for the highest quality of continuous improvement

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Required Learning Experiences – 5 weeks in duration

- Orientation*
- Acute Care Medicine
- Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT)
- Anticoagulation
- Infectious Disease
- Medication Safety
- Management

* 6 weeks in duration

Required Extended Learning Experiences – 4 months in duration

- Chief Resident

Required Longitudinal Learning Experiences – up to 52 weeks in duration

- Major Project
- Patient Care Longitudinal Staffing
- Teaching Certificate (through either VA or Roseman University of Health Sciences)

Elective Learning Experiences (resident completes 3) – 5 weeks in duration

- Advanced Acute Care OR Advanced PACT (only offered if students are rotating)
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Emergency Department (ED)
- Endocrinology
- Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)
- Inpatient Mental Health
- Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Oncology
- Outpatient Mental Health
- Pain
- VISN Formulary and Data Management Elective
- Others may be determined on a case-by-case basis based on resident interests and preceptor availability
 - If requesting an elective not yet developed or with a non-pharmacist preceptor, advance notice needs to be given to assess for availability

ADDITIONAL RESIDENCY INFORMATION

Other Residency Activities and Responsibilities

- Outpatient and Inpatient Staffing – two weekend days once a month (Completion of 20 days)
- Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) Continuing Education
- Poster presentation at ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
- Platform presentation at Southern California VA Pharmacy Residency Conference
- Residency presentations: patient cases, journal clubs, guideline reviews, in-services, etc.
- Actively participate in Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee

Benefits

- Estimated stipend: \$49,610
- Annual and sick leave accrued every two weeks
- Option for health, dental, life, and vision insurance
- Free parking
- At home access to email, Electronic Medical Record (EMR), and more
- Paid time off for all federal holidays

Licensing Information

Residents are required to obtain a pharmacist license from any state or territory of the U.S.A. as defined by the Department of Veterans Affairs and ASHP. It is preferable that a resident is licensed upon entry into the program; however, if the resident is not licensed upon entry into the program, the resident is required to become licensed as soon as possible. Failure to become licensed within 120 days of starting the program will result in a pausing/suspending of the program for up to 30 days, going on leave without pay (LWOP) and restarting after licensure. If the program is paused due to lack of licensure, the resident must expeditiously take action to get licensed as soon as possible. If at the end of a 30 day pause/suspension in a LWOP status, the resident remains unlicensed, the resident will be dismissed. During LWOP, the resident will not receive a stipend or receive benefits. The program will be extended by an amount of time equal to the pause/suspension and the resident will receive their stipend and benefits during the extension.

If a resident is not licensed for at least 2/3 (35 weeks) of the program, the resident will not receive a certificate. If a resident's license is suspended or revoked during the residency program, the resident will be dismissed and will not receive a certificate.

Candidates are highly encouraged to take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) prior to the start of the program or, at the latest, by July 30th of the residency year. This would ensure adequate time to retake an exam if needed.

- Please note, results from other states may take anywhere from 60 days or longer to show. Additionally, it may take a similar amount of time to receive a license number after passing both exams.

ASHP Resident Matching Program: VASNHS Match ID #85101

Application Deadline: January 2nd, 2026

Applicant Qualifications

- PharmD degree from ACPE accredited College of Pharmacy
- Proof of U.S. Citizenship or proof of naturalization
- Participation in the ASHP Residency Matching Program
- Virtual Interview - *invitation only*

Applicant Requirements

- Submit completed applications via Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS)
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
 - Must include specific number of volunteer/community service hours in healthcare setting during pharmacy school/post-graduation, if applicable
 - For APPEs, please list a description of duties
 - If currently working as a pharmacist, please include a description of duties
- VASNHS Question Document
 - From these 5 characteristics: communication, adaptability, time management, professionalism, dependability, pick 2 characteristics that you feel you excel at and provide specific examples.
 - From these 5 characteristics: communication, adaptability, time management, professionalism, dependability, pick 2 characteristics that you need to improve on, and provide specific examples.
 - For the ones you chose that you need to improve on, how do you feel a residency at VASNHS specifically will help you to improve in those areas?
- Three (3) recommendation letters
 - At least one from an APPE preceptor
 - If you are a practicing pharmacist, at least one letter must be from your employer (e.g., supervisor)
- Official transcripts from school of pharmacy and other advanced degree colleges

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Pharmacy Residency Recruitment Video:**





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Food

- Restaurants from famous chefs such as Gordon Ramsay
- Discover food from all cultures
- Buffets and AYCE sushi, KBBQ, JBBQ, and seafood boil
- Local businesses



Nature

- Red Rock Canyon
- Hoover Dam
- Springs Preserve
- Lee Canyon
- Mount Charleston



Entertainment

- Home of the WNBA Las Vegas Aces
- Sphere Attraction
- Popular tour stop for musicians
- Cirque du Soleil
- Bellagio Conservatory
- Shopping