VA Palo Alto Health Care System

PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency

RESIDENCY YEAR 2025-2026



Required Core Experiences

Ambulatory Care I
Formulary Management/
Medication Safety
Geriatrics
Grand Rounds
Internal Medicine
Leadership & Management
Research/QI Project
Service Commitment: Ambulatory
Care & In-Patient Operations

Elective Rotations

Academic Detailing
Ambulatory Care II
Critical Care
Emergency Medicine
Hematology/ Oncology
Infectious Diseases: In-Patient &
Out-Patient
Oncology Operations
Pain Management
Pharmacogenomics
Outpatient Mental Health

About Our Program

The residency is a one-year postgraduate program that provides training and experience in Pharmacy Practice and Education. Patient care responsibilities are foremost; residents also receive instruction and experience in management, managed care, and research. Residents are provided with ample opportunities to teach in clinical clerkship and didactic settings. The residency offers an optional teaching certificate program through the University of the Pacific. A residency project is required and a focus on economics, outcomes analysis, or health-care policy is encouraged.

Setting

VAPAHCS is a nearly 800-bed hospital and satellite outpatient clinic complex located in the greater San Francisco Bay Area of California. This major tertiary referral center consists of three medication center divisions with 166 acute care beds and Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) in San Jose, Capitola, Monterey, and Fremont; as well as 2 residential homes for Veterans in the Compensated Work Therapy program. The Palo Alto Division, located in the foothills of the Coast Range Mountains, is comprised of ambulatory care clinics, as well as medicine, surgery, acute psychiatry, spinal cord injury/ polytrauma, geriatric care, hospice, and blind rehabilitation inpatient beds. The health care system is affiliated with Stanford School of Medicine, and the Pharmacy Service is affiliated with University of the Pacific (UOP).

Pharmacy Service

The Pharmacy Service provides 24-hour coverage 7 days a week. Patient care is provided by a staff of more than 200 pharmacists, residents, students, and technicians practicing in the inpatient and ambulatory care setting. The pharmacy also provides a Pharmacoeconomics Center, and staff to participate in local, regional, and national committees.



Benefits

Medical Insurance
Paid educational leave*

Sick leave - 13 days/year Vacation - 13 days/year Free Parking

2024-2025 Residency Class



Vallance Au-Yeung, PharmD



Natalie Buchholz PharmD



Jenna Ghanaim, PharmD



Leanna Hunt, PharmD

NMS Number: 191213



Sama Jasim, PharmD



Caroline Xiong, PharmD



Charles Yue, PharmD

How to Apply:

Our program participates in the ASHP PhORCAS system and National Matching Service. This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

Our eligibility requirements are:

Prior to match:

1. Applicants must be a US Citizen.

After the match:

- 2. Return signed Resident Appointment Letter by the stated deadline.
- 3. Successfully pass a pre-employment physical exam
- 4. Pharmacist licensure in at least one state secured within 120 days of starting residency.

Candidates wishing to apply are required to submit the following via PhORCAS:

- 1. A letter of intent stating why you are pursuing a residency position in our program (max. 1 page).
- 2. A current curriculum vitae.
- 3. VA Form 10-2850D "Application for Health Professions Trainees." This form is available on our PGY1 Residency Website.
- 4. A current official School of Pharmacy transcript.
- 5. 3 letters of recommendation. One of the reference writers must be a clinical rotation preceptor. All 3 reference writers should use the standard PhORCAS template to submit their recommendation.

Applications must be completed in PhORCAS no later than January 2nd, 2025

For more information visit our website:



https://go.usa.gov/xMSBN

ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition :

Booth # 4167 Monday, 12/09/24 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For further questions, contact:

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^{*} Residents are paid for their time to attend meetings. Funding to support travel and meeting registration is limited.