

The VAMC Residency Provides...

1) A developed plan for training and experience.

- opportunities in required rotations with flexibility for electives
- ample teaching opportunities
- clinical research opportunities
- formal presentations
- drug distribution experience
- teaching certificate program
- ACLS certification

2) Direction for the development of professional goals and objectives.

- career development
- flexibility to accommodate interests
- guidance from clinical pharmacy faculty and staff

3) A positive learning environment.

- university teaching hospital
- involvement with both Purdue University and Butler University pharmacy faculty
- support from medical and pharmacy staff
- encouragement to achieve independence

4) Constructive and positive feedback.

- defined goals for each rotation
- evaluation by preceptors

5) Professional contacts.

- various pharmacy topic discussions
- presentations and journal clubs
- participation in local residency forum to provide interactions with other residents on medical center campus

Applicant Requirements

Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen, have a Pharm.D. degree, and if selected, obtain pharmacy licensure. Previous experience in hospital and community pharmacy practice and a sound academic record are also important considerations.

Application materials will be accepted beginning December 1st, with a submission **deadline of January 5th**.

Application materials are to include a curriculum vitae, letter of intent, completed application, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation.

After applications are reviewed, qualified candidates will be contacted to schedule an on-site interview.

All materials should be sent to:

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Post Graduate Year One (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency

A Diverse Pharmacy Practice Experience in the Heart of Indianapolis!

The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center was established in 1997 in conjunction with the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Purdue University. The program emphasizes balanced training in clinical service, education, and research, with a focus on ambulatory care. Each curriculum is individualized to provide the resident an opportunity to build upon previously acquired knowledge and skills in order to confidently assume a progressive clinical role. Flexibility to accommodate many personal and professional goals for each resident is an important aspect of the residency program.

The Residency consists of experience in a broad range of clinical pharmacy services including:

- primary and specialty ambulatory care clinics
- pharmacist-run clinics
- geriatric and internal medicine
- medicine intensive care
- surgery
- drug information
- acute-care triage
- administration

Residents will also have the opportunity to participate in the development of new clinical services.



Throughout the year, residents will focus on the development of both sound clinical practice and accountability, which will include assessing the impact of recommendations on patient-care outcomes. A demonstrable desire to learn, a sincere career interest in pharmacy practice, and a dedication to fully meeting all objectives and requirements of the residency program are expected.

Other goals of the program include providing each resident with opportunities for experience in teaching and research. Residents will complete a teaching certificate program through Purdue University and will have several precepting and didactic teaching opportunities at both Purdue and

Butler University. Residents will also be able to perform collaborative research with clinical faculty at the Medical Center in addition to developing independent research programs.





Residents will have several other opportunities to present formal presentations and journal clubs to pharmacy preceptors, medical and pharmacy staff, and students. In addition, each resident will present their project at the Great Lakes Residency conference.

This residency will prepare you to:

- confidently perform as an independent practitioner in a variety of medical settings;
- become an effective educator, leader, and professional; and
- develop critical thinking and learning skills.

Clinical Rotations

Clinical rotations are offered in a variety of areas. Activities while on clinical services include medicine rounds, drug therapy monitoring, physical assessment, patient education, serving as a drug information resource, pharmacokinetic monitoring, and attendance at various conferences. Residents will also have the opportunity to become involved in ongoing research projects and teaching/precepting of pharmacy students.

• Ambulatory Care:

Each resident will participate in several of the following clinics: Primary Care Pharmacy Anticoagulation Service, Pharmacy Triage Service, Pharmaceutical Care Service, Primary Care Medicine Clinic, and selected adult specialty clinics (CHF, HIV, cardiology, pain, psych, lipid, diabetes, etc). The specific clinics in which the resident participates will be based upon the resident's prior experience and individual interests.

Residents will also participate in an adult specialty clinic, Primary Care and the Pharmacy Anticoagulation Service for one-half day per week for eleven months.

Through involvement in these components, each resident will develop skills in obtaining medication histories, counseling and monitoring patients, performing necessary physical assessment, assessing the appropriateness of medication regimens, and providing appropriate drug information to both patients, physicians, and other members of the healthcare team.



• Internal Medicine:

Residents will gain experience in the various subspecialties of internal medicine, including: cardiology, pulmonology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, infectious disease, nephrology, and rheumatology.

• Critical Care:

Residents will actively participate in the pulmonary and cardiology intensive care unit teams. Experience will be gained in such areas as antibiotic utilization, parenteral nutrition, intravenous cardiac therapy, and pharmacokinetics.

• Drug Information:

Residents will participate in the Clarian hospital drug information center and will gain experience in providing drug and poison information to health professionals. Involvement in the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee at the VA will also occur to allow the resident to gain experience in formulary management.



• Administration:

Two administration rotations are available, one with the head of the VA Pharmacy Service and one with the Pharmacy Practice Department Head for Purdue University. Residents will gain experience in problem solving, policy development, program planning and justification, personnel recruitment and management, financial management, and interprofessional and interdepartmental relations.

Stipend and Benefits of the Program

- Stipends are competitive per annual VA standards
- Thirteen vacation days and seven holidays
- Seven professional days for attendance at professional meetings and interviews
- Office and computer
- Affordable parking
- Lab coats
- Copying privileges
- Medical media access
- Access to medical center library