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Ambulatory Care/Education (PGY2) Specialty Residency

A Unique Experience in the Heart of Indianapolis!

The Ambulatory Care/Education (PGY2) Specialty Residency at the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center was established in 2006 in conjunction with the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Purdue University. The specialty residency emphasizes balanced training in ambulatory care, education, and research. The program serves to increase the knowledge, therapy management skills, and teaching and leadership skills in the area of ambulatory care and pharmacy education. Each curriculum is individualized to provide the resident an opportunity to confidently assume progressive clinical and educator roles. 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 within both primary and specialty ambulatory care clinics, pharmacist-run clinics, and drug information. The resident will also have the opportunity to participate in the development of new clinical services.



Throughout the year, the resident 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 the 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 an ambulatory care setting;
- Become an effective educator, leader, and professional;
- Develop critical thinking and learning skills.

Clinical Rotations

• Ambulatory Care:

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

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

• Education:

Each resident will also participate in a variety of education experiences, including small group facilitation, didactic teaching, course development and preceptorship.

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



The VAMC Residency Provides...

1) A developed plan for training and experience.

- Opportunities in required and elective rotations
- Ample teaching opportunities
- Clinical research opportunities
- Formal presentations
- Teaching certificate program
- BLS and 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 an independent practice

4) Constructive and positive feedback.

- Defined goals for each rotation
- Evaluation by preceptors

5) Professional contacts.

- Contacts at two colleges of pharmacy
- Numerous presentations to a variety of healthcare members
- Participation in local residency forum to provide interactions with other residents on medical center campus

Applicant Requirements

Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen, a licensed pharmacist and must have completed an accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program or have completed a minimum of three years of practice experience with demonstrated mastery of the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and abilities expected of one who has completed a PGY1 residency.

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 either:

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Residency Program Director
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Susan Bex, PharmD.
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