



Fort Meade & Hot Springs, SD

PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency



Hot Springs Campus



Fort Meade Campus

The VA Black Hills Health Care System (VA BHHCS) is located in the beautiful Black Hills of western South Dakota, where we are known for our blue skies, pine forests, rich history, moderate climate and friendly western hospitality.

VA BHHCS provides primary and secondary medical and surgical care, along with residential rehabilitation treatment program (RRTP) services, extended nursing home care and tertiary psychiatric inpatient care services, for veterans residing in South Dakota and portions of Nebraska, Wyoming, North Dakota and Montana.

Care to approximately 20,000 veterans is delivered through the Fort Meade (near Sturgis) and Hot Springs VA Medical Centers, as well as through a number of community based outpatient and rural health clinics. VA BHHCS is a part of the VA Midwest Health Care Network.

Clinical Pharmacy Services

Pharmacy is involved in all aspects of medication management. Since the implementation of physician order entry, barcode technology, robotics, and technical support for distributive functions, all of our pharmacists are able to focus on clinical activities.

The Hot Springs campus has eight Clinical Pharmacy Specialists (CPS) and seven technicians. Fort Meade campus has 19 CPS, and 12 technicians. There are also three SDSU College of Pharmacy faculty and five residents. The pharmacies are staffed Monday through Friday from 730a-515p, with limited holidays and weekends.

Educational Affiliations

The VA Black Hills Health Care System is a teaching institution affiliated with SDSU Colleges of Pharmacy and Nursing, The University of Wyoming College of Pharmacy, The University of South Dakota School of Medicine, and Western Dakota Technical Institute.

Residency Experiences

The VA BHHCS Ambulatory Care PGY2 Residency will further develop the resident's skills in direct patient care, leadership, and education through a variety of experiences tailored to the individual's needs and goals. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be equipped to obtain an ambulatory care certification and serve as a clinical pharmacist in either the clinic setting or academia.

Experiences are tailored to the resident and may include up to four of the following:

- Patient-Aligned Care Team (PACT)
- Anticoagulation
- Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC)
- Emergency Department/Urgent Care
- Long Term Care
- Nephrology/Dialysis (Hot Springs)
- Oncology (Fort Meade)
- Mental Health
- Pain Management



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Practice Management: This learning experience covers many practice management topics which includes: budgeting, personnel management, regulatory requirements, and medical informatics.

Residency Project: Residents will design, implement, and complete a project of their choice in conjunction with a project advisor. The project will be presented at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, Midwest Residency Conference and be publishable.

Drug Information: Activities include but are not limited to answering drug information requests, participating in journal club, developing medication use policies, performing medication use evaluations, attending P&T Committee meetings (locally and possibly regionally), evaluating adverse drug events, and providing educational presentations to colleagues, including at least one continuing education presentation.

Practice Coverage: Provides experience working as a pharmacist, improving skills in the medication use process. As a pharmacist, residents must have a thorough understanding of the medication ordering/delivery system utilized by the individual institution to be fully successful. A pharmacist will be available to assist the resident with any questions that arise during practice coverage.

Teaching opportunities: Educational affiliations will provide opportunities for the resident to precept pharmacy students and obtain a teaching certificate from South Dakota State University (SDSU).

Clinical meetings: Along with local resident and staff meetings, the resident will be expected to attend staff meetings, ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, Midwest Residency Conference, South Dakota State Association annual meeting, and local VISN 23 formulary meetings.

Hours, Salary, and Benefits: Hours for the residents will be 7:30a-5p Monday through Friday with limited assigned holidays and weekends. Residents will receive a stipend of \$44,522 which includes health and life

insurance. Fringe benefits include 13 days of paid leave, 13 days of paid sick leave, 10 paid holidays, paid administrative leave for clinical meetings, lab coat, and free parking. On-site housing is available at a reduced rate in our student apartments. If interested, please inquire at interview.

Start Date and Duration

We have one position for VA BHHCS. The resident will have rotations/projects at both Fort Meade and Hot Springs campuses. Start date is to be determined, with expected start date in mid to late July. The residency is a full-time temporary appointment of 1 year in duration.

Match Rules: This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking related information from any residency applicant.

ASHP Accreditation Status: Candidate Status.

Federal Employment

Appointment is contingent upon completion of a physical exam, including negative drug test. Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment. Residents are required to obtain a pharmacist's license in any state within 3 months of appointment.

VA clinical pharmacy specialists and residents use their prescribing privileges in collaboration with the medical team to help optimize patient care and reach treatment goals.

Area Attractions: www.travelsd.com and www.blackhillsbadlands.com

How to apply

VA BHHCS will be utilizing ASHP PhORCAS: www.ashp.org/phorcas

Application Requirements

- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from ACPE accredited program
- Completion of or currently completing a PGY1 residency
- U.S. citizenship
- Residency Matching Program participant
- Onsite interview required
- Completed VA Application Form:
www.vacareers.va.gov/images/10-2850c.doc
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae and college transcripts

Application Deadline: January 4th

Please submit application to:

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