Clinical Pharmacy Services
VA Black Hills has 30 pharmacists and 16 technicians located at the two main campuses (Fort Meade and Hot Springs) and two Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Rapid City, SD and Scottsbluff, NE. Pharmacy is involved in all aspects of medication management. With the implementation of physician order entry, barcode technology, cartless distribution, robotics, and technical support for distributive functions, we are able to focus on clinical activities. Pharmacists use their prescribing privileges in collaboration with the medical team to help optimize Veteran care and reach treatment goals.

Educational Affiliations
VA BHHCS is a teaching institution affiliated with SDSU Colleges of Pharmacy and Nursing, University of South Dakota School of Medicine, and Western Dakota Technical Institute.

Federal Employment
Contingent upon completion of a physical exam, including negative drug test. Applicants must meet the requirements for federal employment. Residents are required to obtain a pharmacist’s license in any state within three months of appointment.

VA BHHCS will be utilizing ASHP PhORCAS for applications: www.ashp.org/phorcas
Application Requirements:
- U.S. citizenship
- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- College transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation
- Residency Matching Program participant
- Onsite interview
Application Deadline: January 10th

Interview Notification Date: Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than February 15th.
Please submit questions to:
Jessica Mitchell, Pharm.D.
VA BHHCS Pharmacy
113 Comanche Rd
Fort Meade, SD 57741
Phone: 1-800-743-1070 ext. 7060
Email: Jessica.Mitchell12@va.gov

At VA Black Hills Health Care System it is our privilege to provide primary and surgical care, Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program services, extended care and rehabilitation, outpatient mental health, and inpatient psychiatric services. We provide compassionate, quality care to over 20,000 Veterans residing in South Dakota and portions of Nebraska, Wyoming, North Dakota and Montana.
Residency Purpose
PGY1 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of Veterans with a wide range of conditions, eligible for board certification, and eligible for postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency training.

Residency Description
The VA Black Hills PGY1 Pharmacy Residency will train pharmacists in the setting of a large, rural VA health care system. While both inpatient and outpatient learning experiences are required during this program, pharmacist involvement in ambulatory care is broad. An elective teaching certificate program is available which equips residents to pursue a position in an academic setting. Feedback from both residents and preceptors is valued and used to proactively customize each resident’s experience.

There are many places of interest located within the area. Our health care system 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 friendliness. Find more information by visiting: www.travelsd.com www.blackhillsbadlands.com

Learning Experiences:

Direct Patient Care
Required
- Patient Aligned Care Team—L
- Anticoagulation — L
- Community Living Center—L
- Home Based Primary Care—L
- Inpatient Clinical Pharmacy—R
- Internal Medicine —R
- Mental Health/Pain—R

Non-Direct Patient Care
Required
- Orientation—R
- Practice Management—R
- Residency Project — L
- Medication Use Process—L
- Professional Development—L
- Practice Coverage—L

Elective
- Teaching Certificate—L
- Oncology—R
- Interdisciplinary Pain Team—R
- Academia—R

R= rotational
L = longitudinal

Clinical meetings: Residents are engaged in local meetings including: staff meetings, residency meetings, interdisciplinary team meetings, and Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee meetings, at a minimum. Additionally, residents are expected to attend ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, Midwest Pharmacy Residents Conference, South Dakota State Pharmacy Association meeting(s), and possibly regional VA pharmacy meetings.

Hours, Salary, and Benefits: Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday with limited assigned holidays and weekends. Residents will receive a stipend of $41,533 which includes salary plus health and life insurance. Fringe benefits include 13 days of paid leave, 13 days of paid sick leave, 10 paid holidays, lab coat, and free parking. On-site housing may be available at a reduced rate. If interested, please inquire at interview.

Start Date and Duration: The residency is a full-time temporary appointment of one year and one day in duration which will begin the pay period closest to July 1st.

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