

Butler VA Health Care System Butler, Pennsylvania

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program NMS Code: 288713



About the Butler VA

The Butler VA Health Care System is located in the heart of Butler County, just north of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Butler VA has been attending to the care of Veterans within the Western Pennsylvania region since 1947 and is the healthcare choice for over 70,000 Veterans. The Butler VA Health Care System consists of a newly built Health Care Center, a 60-bed Community Living Center and a 56-bed residential treatment domiciliary located in Butler, Pennsylvania. In addition to the core facilities, the Butler VA Health Care System also includes five associated Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) within the surrounding counties. These facilities offer comprehensive Veteran care including primary, specialty and mental health care.

Program Philosophy and Purpose

The PGY1 pharmacy residency program is an organized, directed, postgraduate training program that centers on the development, knowledge, attitudes and skills needed to promote rational drug therapy.

The purpose of the PGY1 pharmacy residency program is to build on the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, thereby setting up those that complete the program for future work as an integral member of a health care team. Residency graduates will also be prepared for board certification and eligible for a postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency opportunity.

Residency Experience

The residency provides an integrated experience in ambulatory care, drug information and practice management. Program space is available for two residents during the program year. The program is tailored to address the needs and goals of each individual resident, while providing a basic foundation necessary for a high level of clinical pharmacy practice. Under the guidance of the clinical pharmacy team at the Butler VA, each resident will gain invaluable experience through the following offered and required rotations:

- Inpatient Pharmacy Operations
- Outpatient Pharmacy Operations
- Anticoagulation
- Ambulatory/Primary Care

- Home Based Primary Care
- Long Term Care/Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Pain Management
- Behavioral Health/Academic Detailing
- Substance Use Disorder/Domiciliary
- Practice Management/Administration
- Staffing/Service
- Project

Benefits

This residency program offers a competitive stipend. The resident accumulates 13 days of vacation and 13 days of sick leave during the year. In addition, 10 paid holidays are included within the year. Additional educational leave is provided for attendance at professional meetings as needed throughout the residency year. Affordable health insurance is also available through the Butler VA; including medical, dental and vision.

Application Requirements

- The applicant **must be a citizen** of the United States for federal employment.
- The applicant must be a graduate of or eligible for graduation from an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredited college of pharmacy.
- The applicant must be licensed or eligible for licensure as a pharmacist in any state. **Licensure must occur within 90 days of the start of the residency. If licensure does not occur within this time frame, the resident may be dismissed from the residency program. Extenuating circumstances may be handled on a case by case basis.**
- The applicant must participate in and adhere to the rules of the Resident Matching Program (RMP) process. This residency agrees that no person at this residency will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.
- The applicant should participate in an on-site personal interview.

Interested candidates can apply by submitting the following by January 15th:

1. Letter of intent
2. Application for federal employment (form 10-2850c)
3. Curriculum vitae
4. Official college of pharmacy academic transcript(s)
5. Three letters of recommendation through PhORCAS

For more information, please contact:

Brandi Lumley, PharmD, BCPS
Program Manager for Clinical Pharmacy Services
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist - PACT
PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Director
(878) 271-6233 (telephone)
(878) 271-6855 (fax)
Brandi.Lumley2@va.gov